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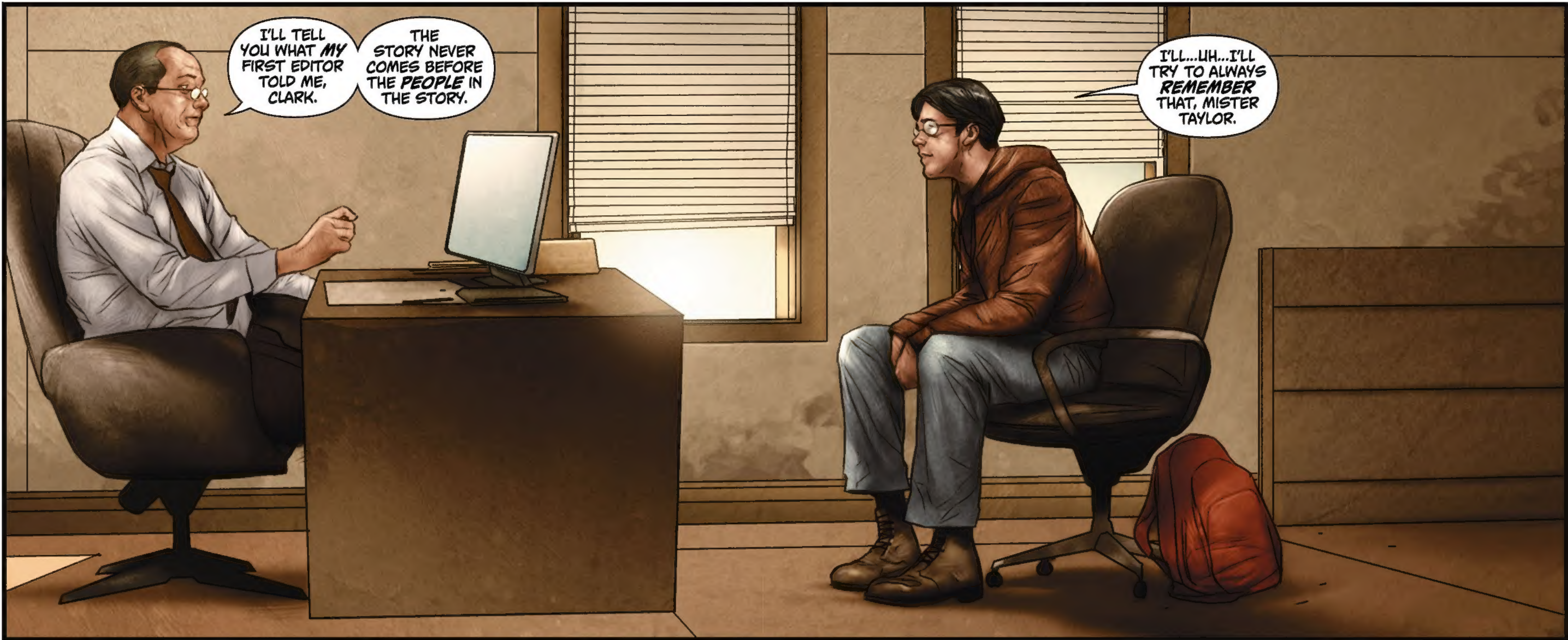


YOU'LL SEE.



JOB'S ALL *YOURS* IF YOU WANT IT, KID.

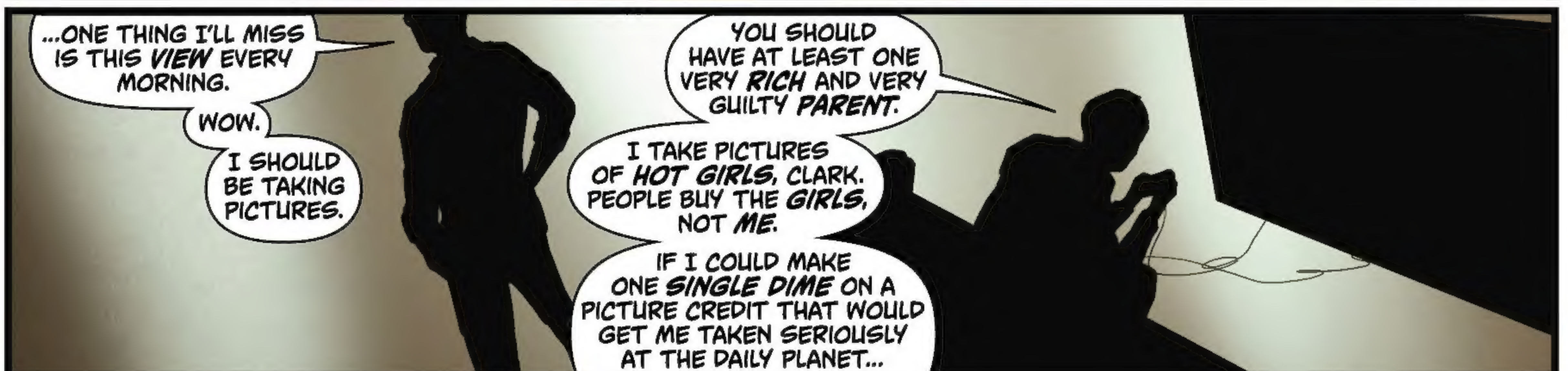
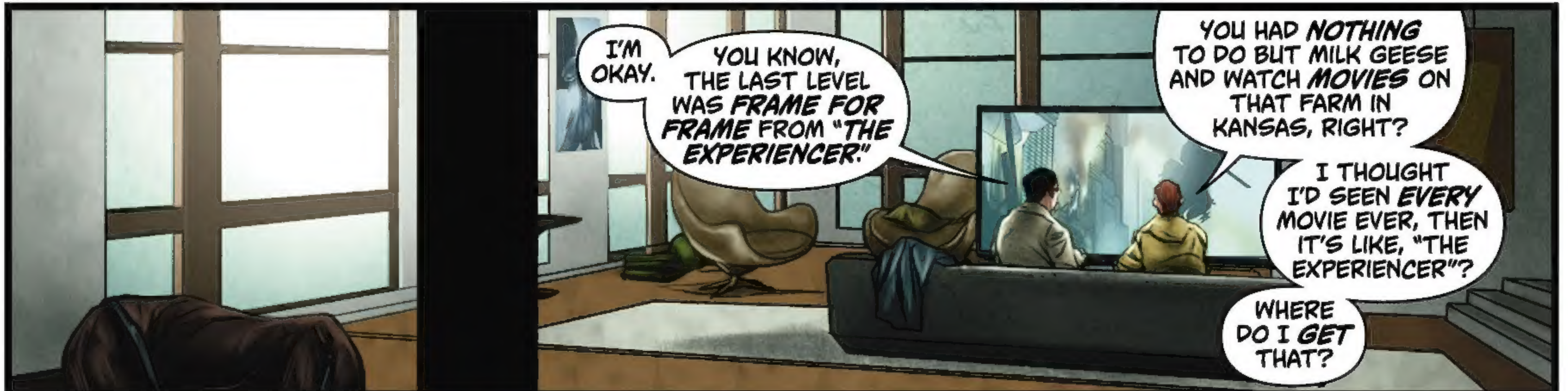
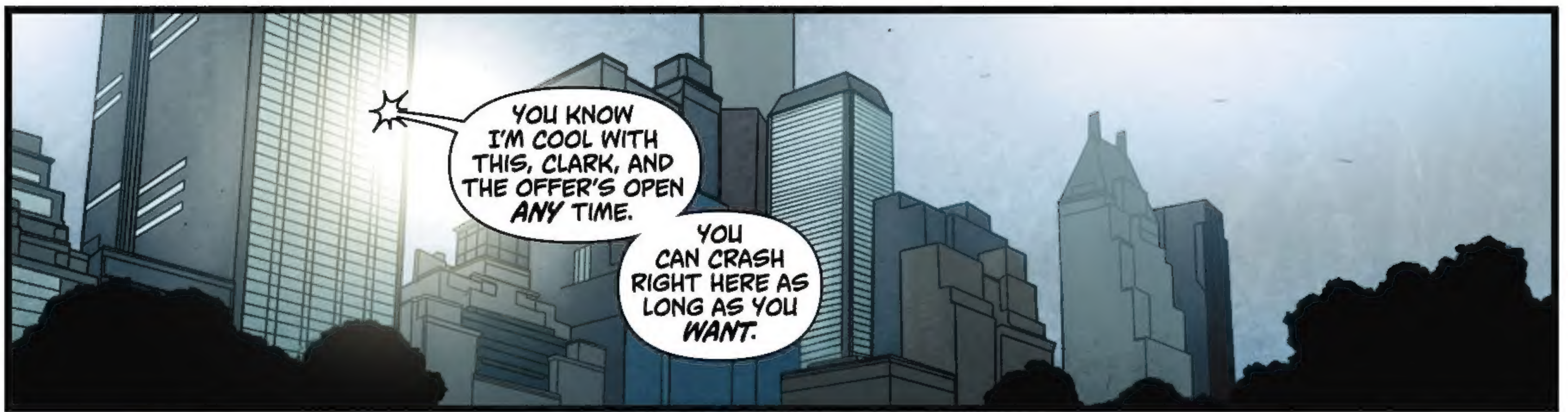
IT'S *YOUR* TURN TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT YOU CAN DO.

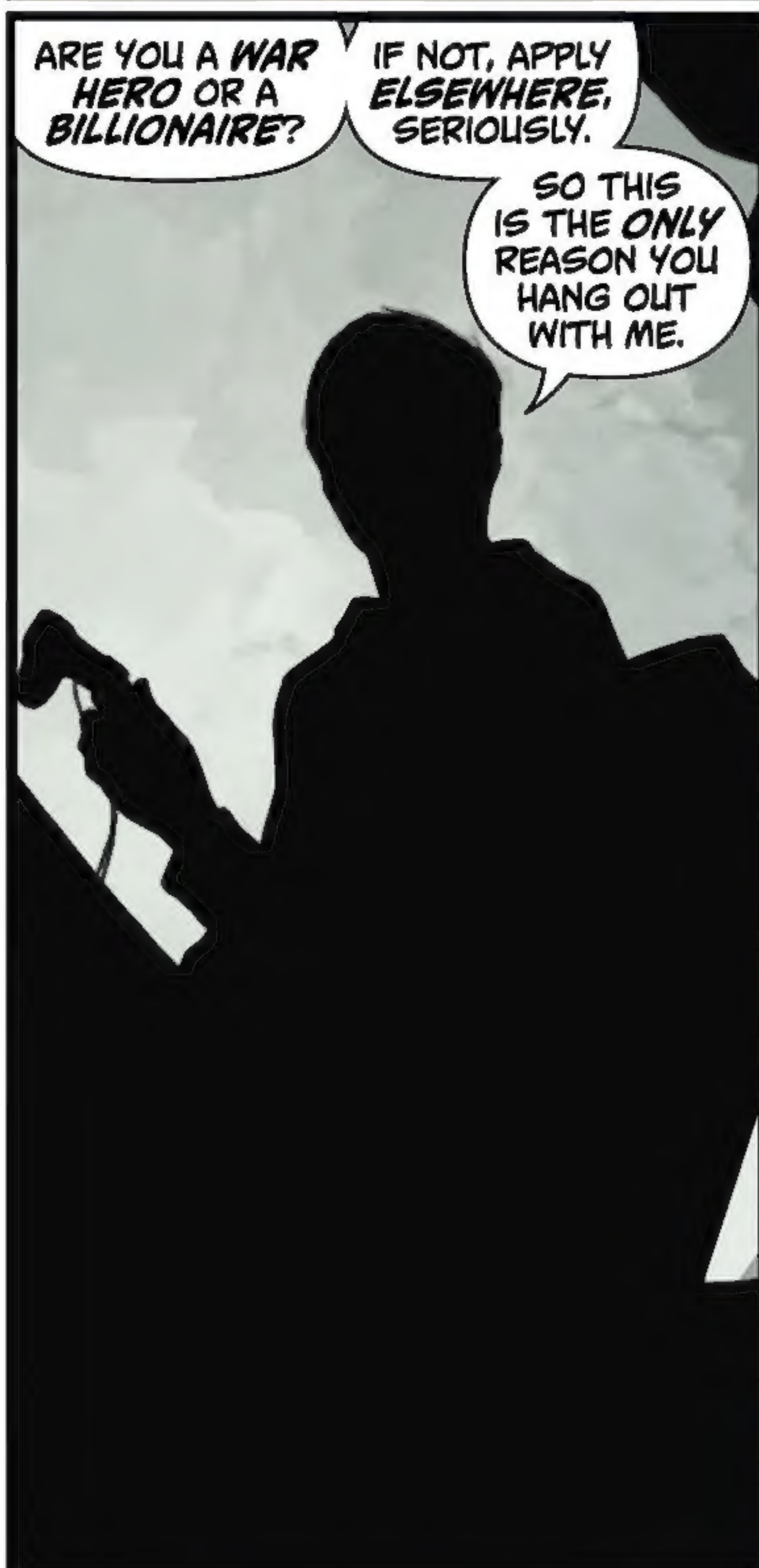
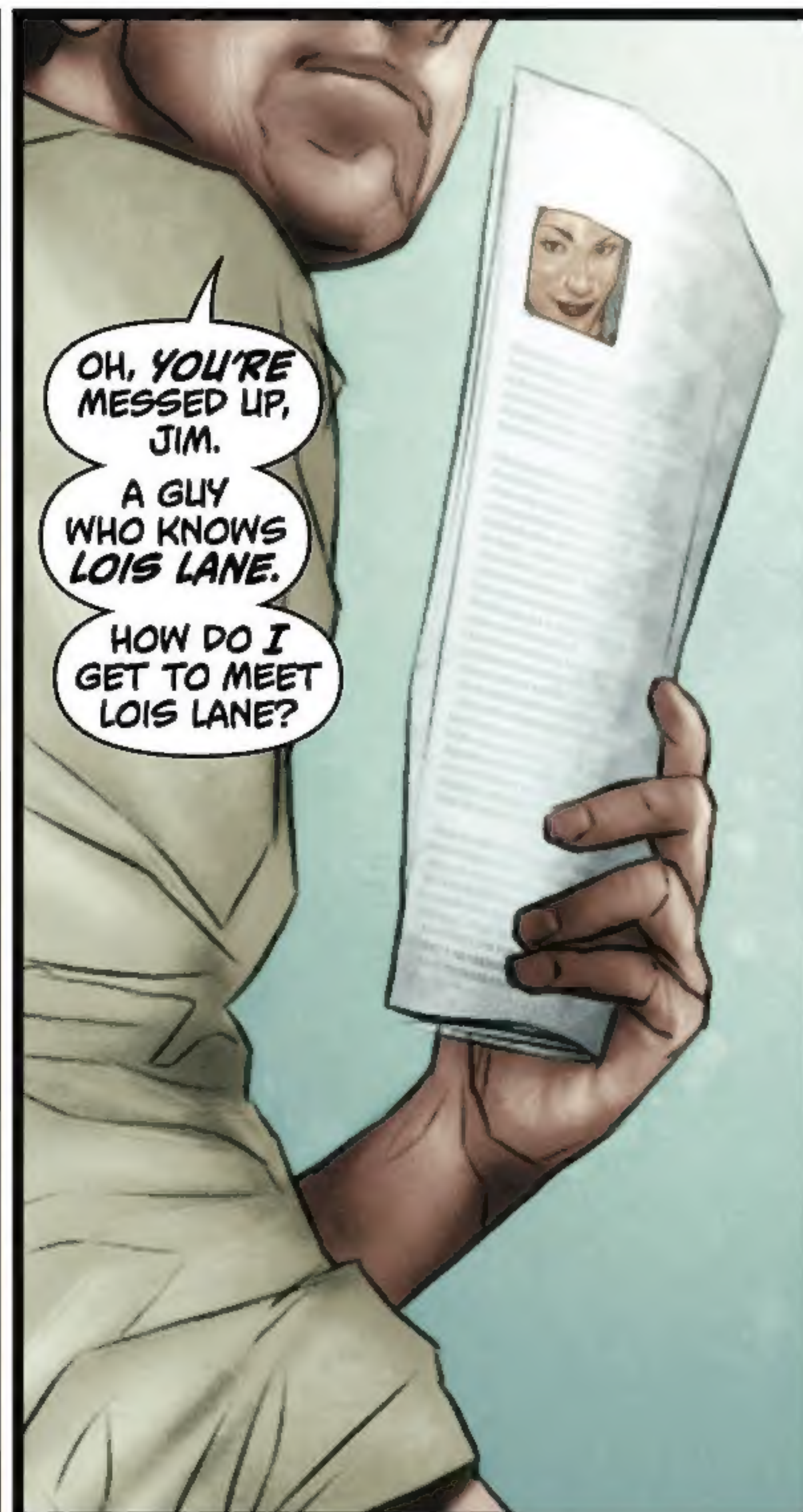


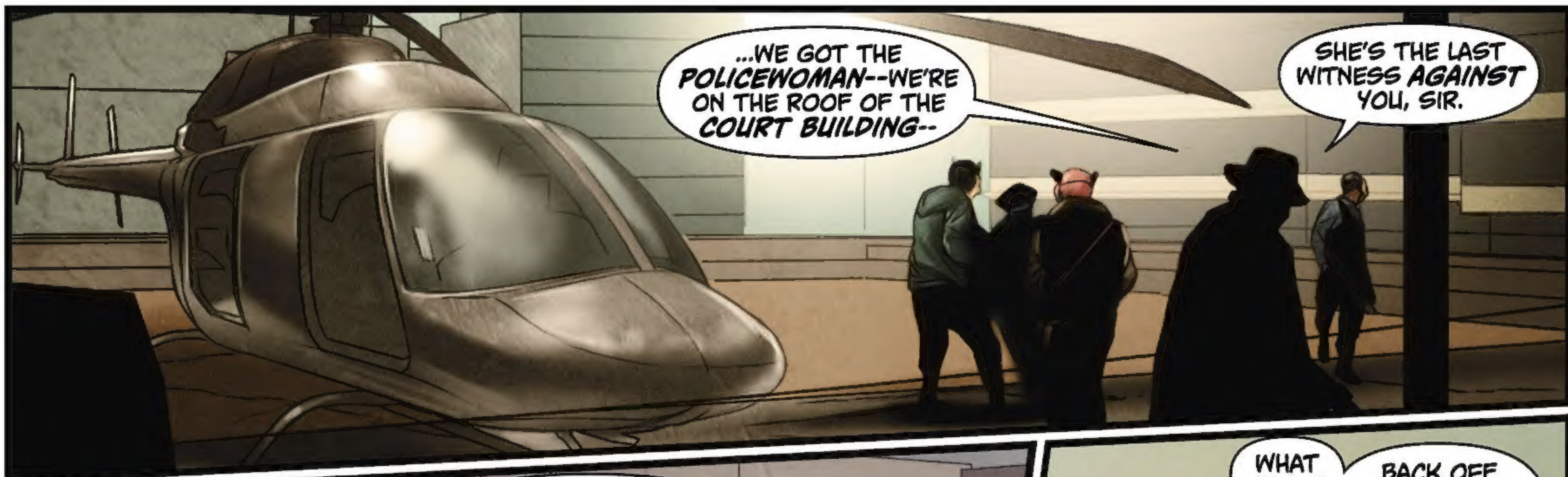
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT *MY* FIRST EDITOR TOLD ME, CLARK.

THE STORY NEVER COMES BEFORE THE *PEOPLE* IN THE STORY.

I'LL...UH...I'LL TRY TO ALWAYS *REMEMBER* THAT, MISTER TAYLOR.







...WE GOT THE
POLICEWOMAN--WE'RE
ON THE ROOF OF THE
COURT BUILDING--

SHE'S THE LAST
WITNESS AGAINST
YOU, SIR.



...GET THE JOB DONE,
ANGUS. GET HER ON THE
CHOPPER AND GET **OUT**
OF THERE.

WE'LL TALK.

I HAVE A
VERY IMPORTANT
ONE O'CLOCK
MEETING.



WHAT
THE--?

BACK OFF
OR I'M BRINGIN'
OUT THE
GUNS, KID.

I'M
GIVIN' YA A
CHANCE TO--
BEAT IT.



OR
WHAT?



YOU'LL
SHOOT
ME?

GO ON.
SHOOT.



HAH.



...



CARE
TO WASTE
SOME *MORE*
BULLETS,
BOYS?

LET
THE LADY
GO--

--AND START
RUNNING.



OH,
YEAH?





WHAT WAS THAT?

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

SHUT UP AND GET OUTTA HERE!

WOHHH!
MISTER?

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THE BOY WHO STOLE

SUPERMAN'S CAPE



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WHAT IS THIS, OLSEN?



I GAVE YOUR FRIEND A CHANCE, LOIS.

HE GIVES ME PHOTOSHOP.

I WAS THERE, PERRY.

ADD THIS TO A HISTORY OF MYSTERY STRONGMAN SIGHTINGS IN THE MIDWEST.

THIS IS FOR REAL.



NO, THIS IS THE DAILY PLANET, NOT THE TATTLER--

WHAT'S NEXT: "GOD FOUND DEAD IN CLEVELAND"?

I RUN A RESPECTABLE NEWSPAPER.

IT'S REAL, MR. WHITE.

HE JUMPED 60 FEET IN THE AIR.



SO PROVE THAT TO ME, BOTH OF YOU.

THE REPUTATION OF THIS PAPER WAS FOUNDED ON SCRUPULOUS RESEARCH.



PERRY, I SAW IT MYSELF.

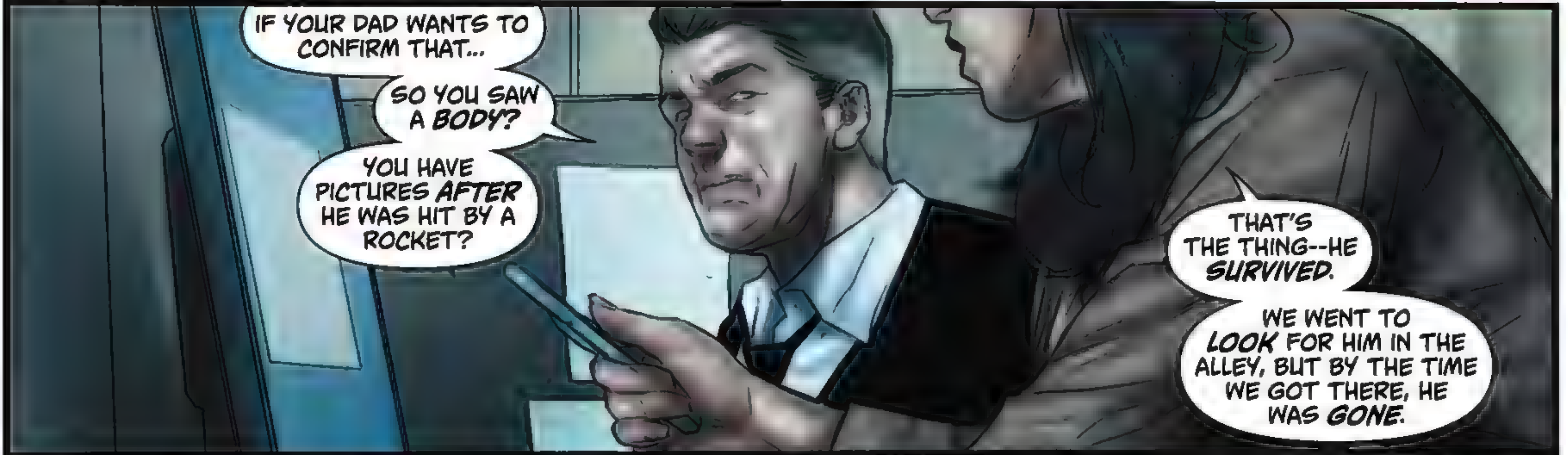
THEY SHOT THE GUY WITH AN R.P.G. AND HE DIDN'T TURN TO DUST AND SPRAY.



AND THIS
CAPE
THING.

IT DIDN'T
HAVE A
SCRATCH
ON IT.

THE
MILITARY
IS DEVELOPING
STUFF LIKE THIS,
PERRY.



IF YOUR DAD WANTS TO
CONFIRM THAT...

SO YOU SAW
A BODY?

YOU HAVE
PICTURES AFTER
HE WAS HIT BY A
ROCKET?

THAT'S
THE THING--HE
SURVIVED.

WE WENT TO
LOOK FOR HIM IN THE
ALLEY, BUT BY THE TIME
WE GOT THERE, HE
WAS GONE.



VERY
CONVENIENT.

PERRY,
THIS IS
NEWS.

HE'S
WEARING A
CAPE.

THE SIGN
ON HIS BACK IS
THE SAME ON
HIS SHIRT.



LIKE A
TATTOO.

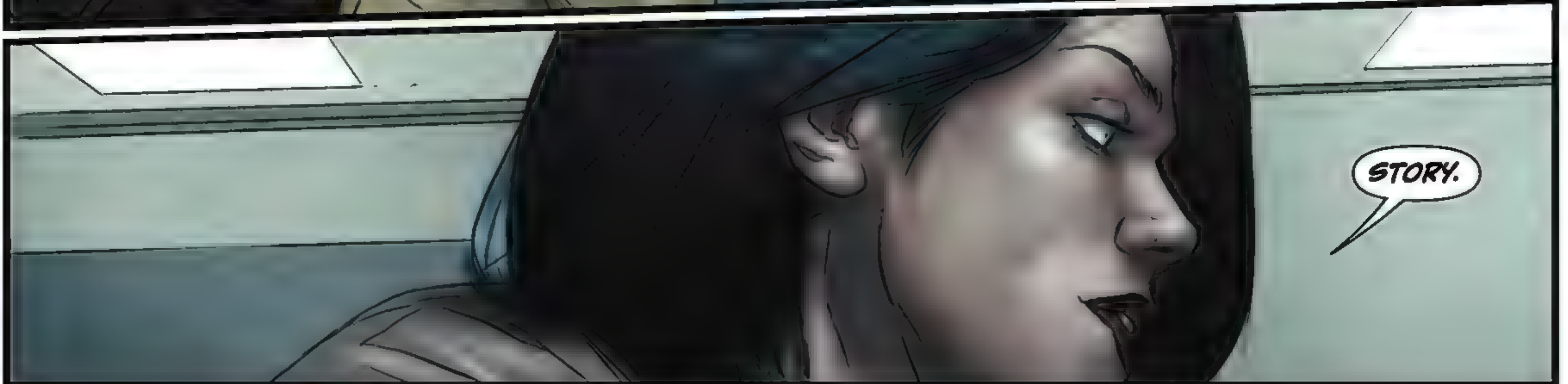
SEE, IT'S
LIKE STYLIZED
GOLDFISH--

YOU'RE
LOOKING AT
THE NEGATIVE
SPACE--

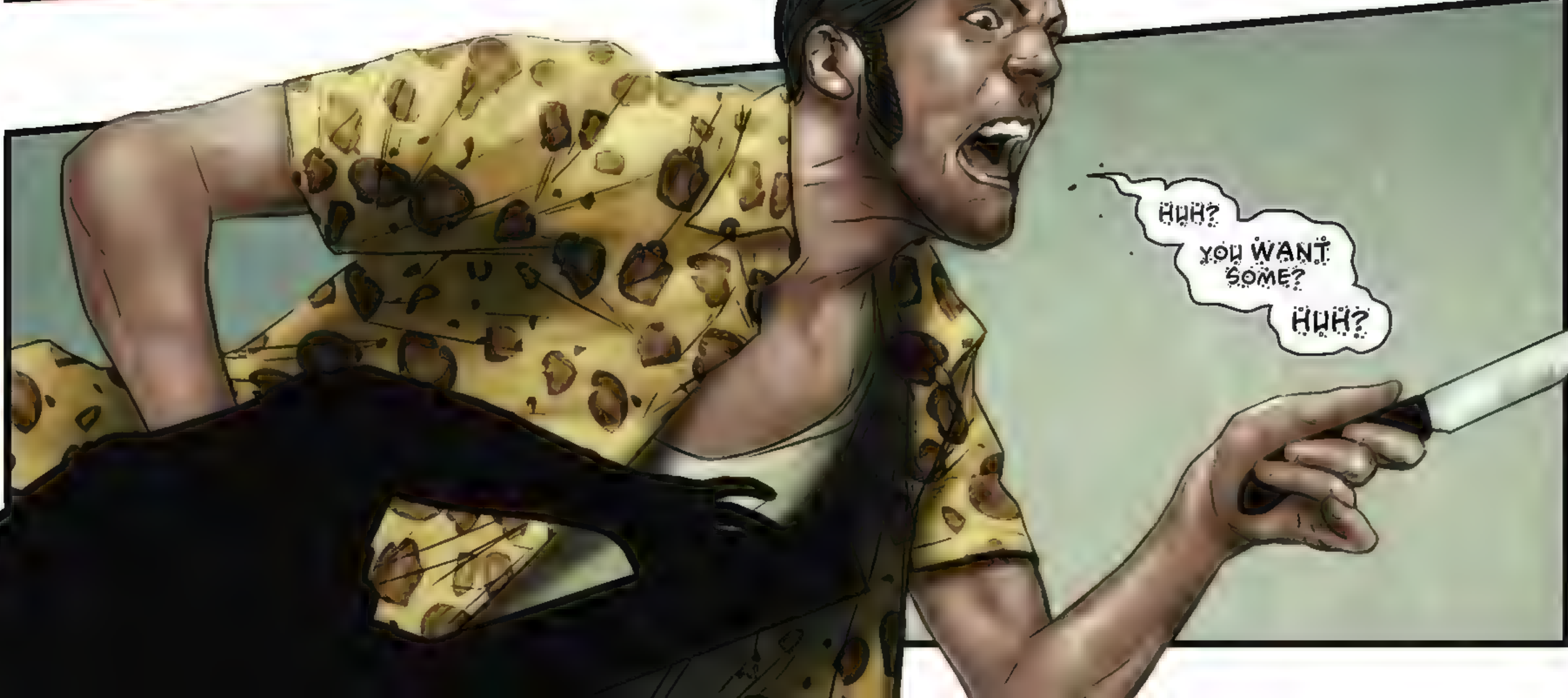
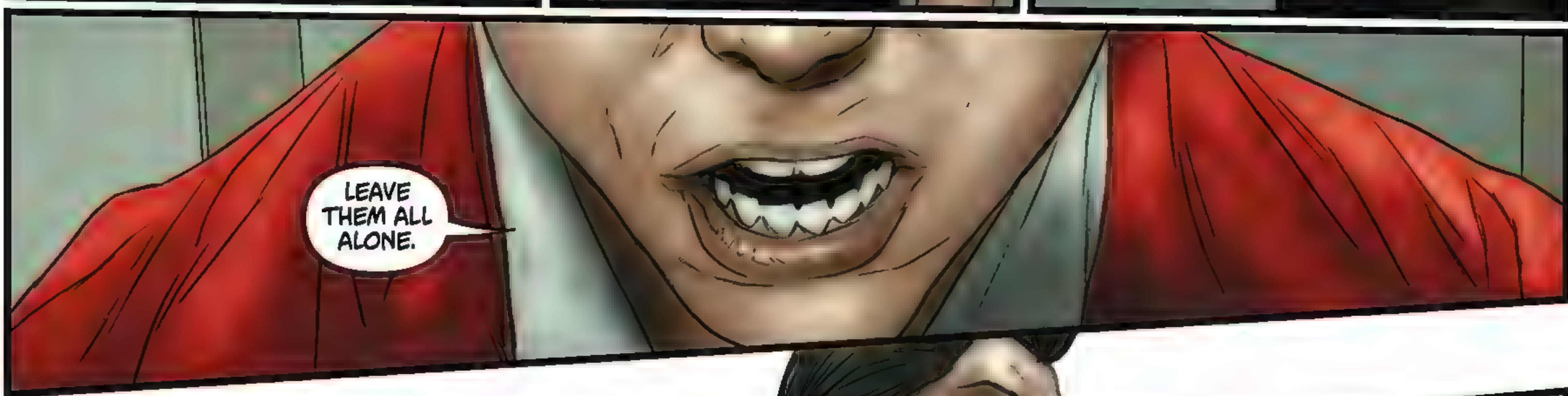
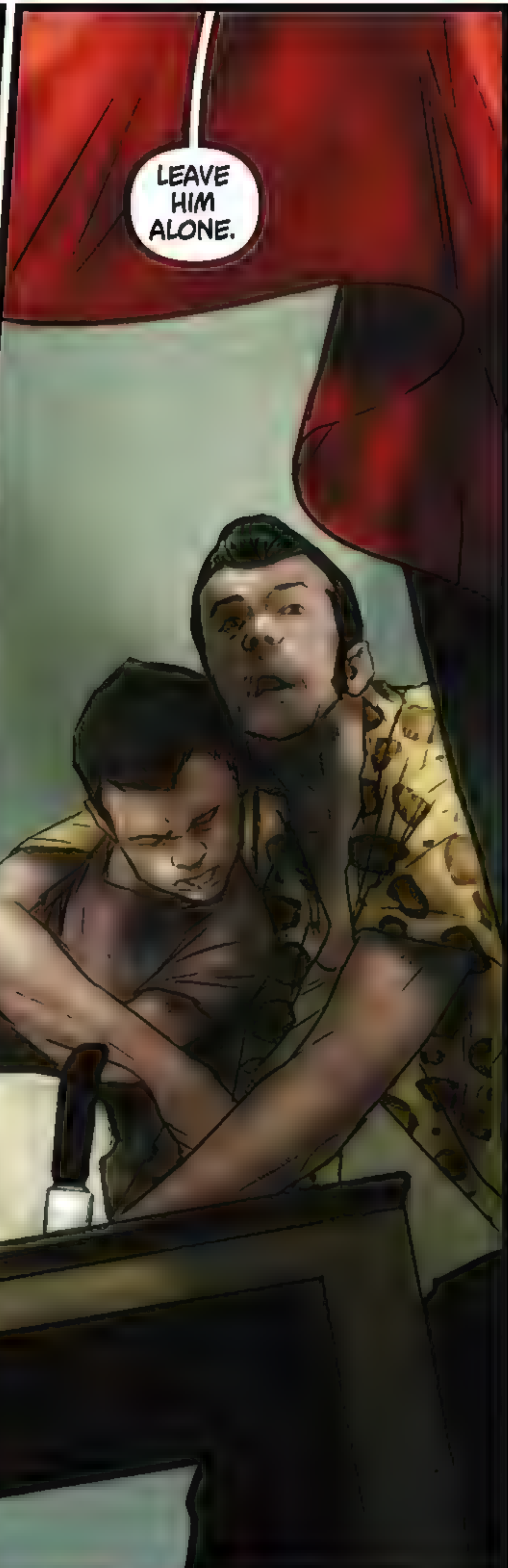
HE'S
RIGHT.

IT LOOKS
LIKE AN "S"--
MR. S.

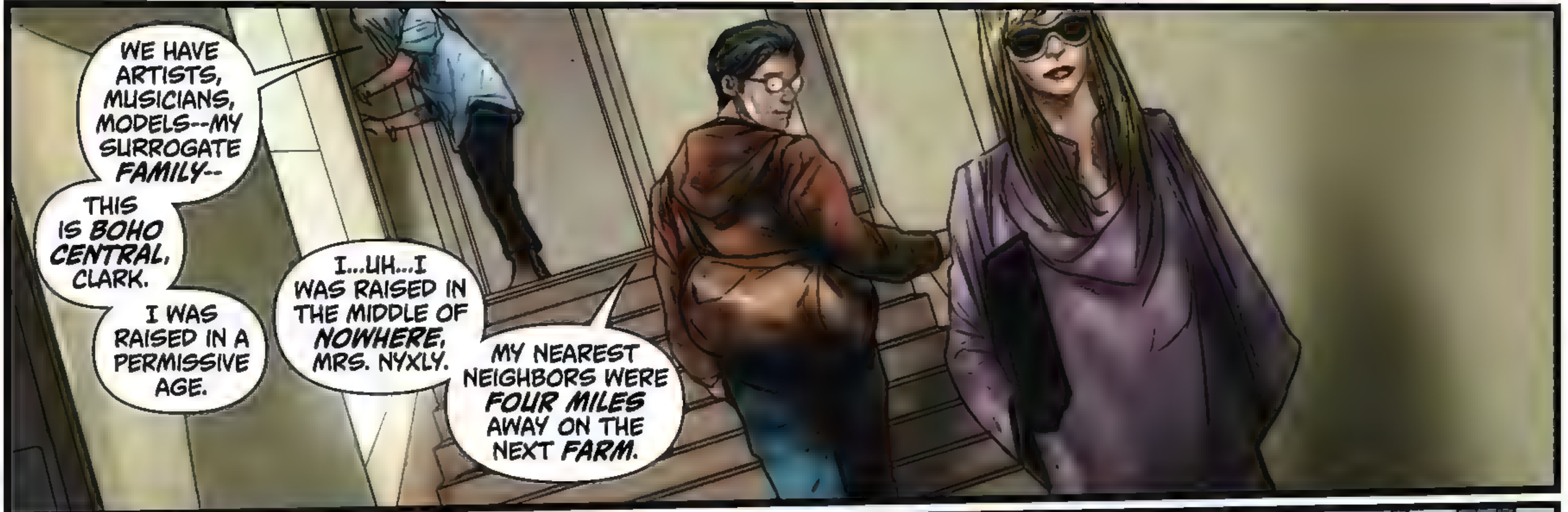
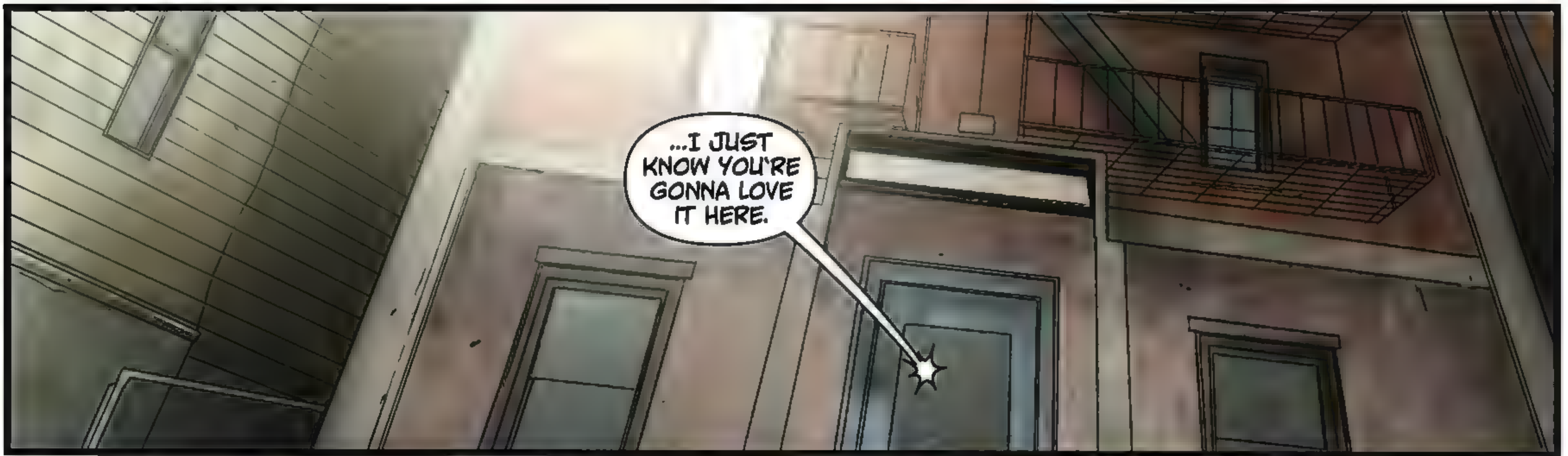
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DOES THE "S"
STAND FOR?

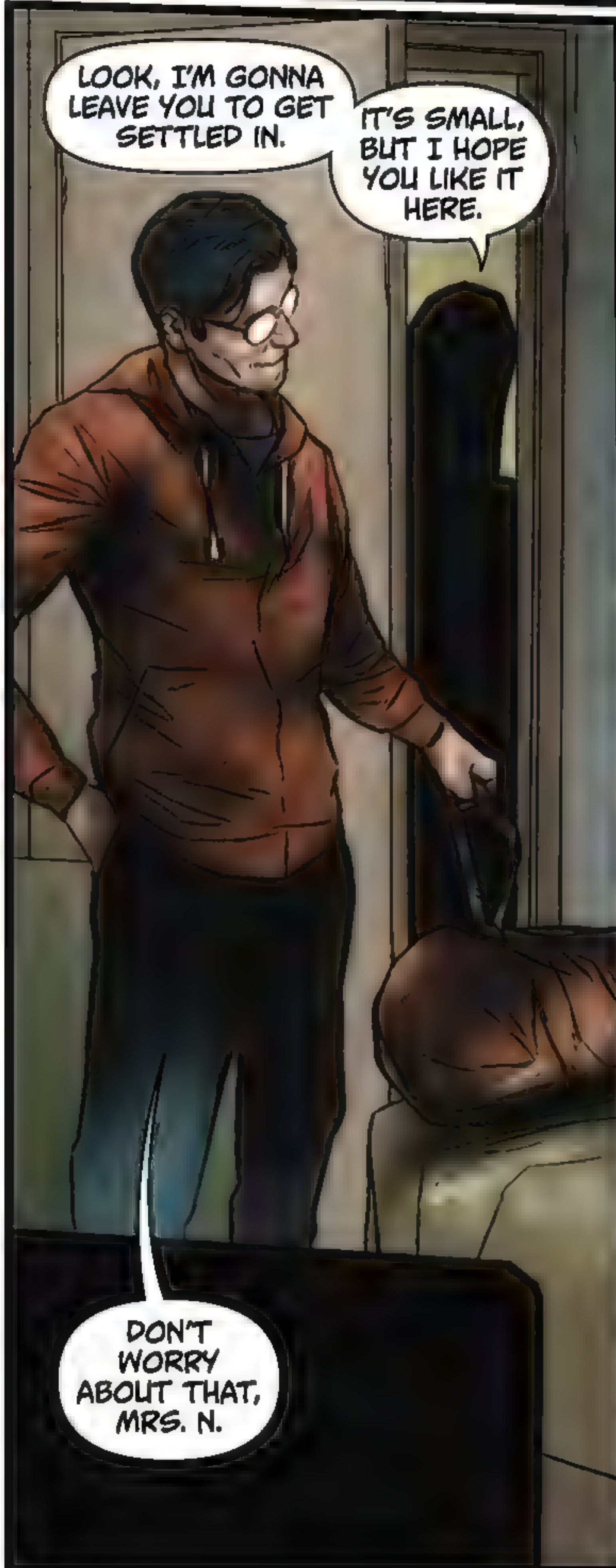


STORY.













DON'T COME
NEAR US--I'LL
KILL YOU!

DON'T
EVEN THINK
ABOUT IT!



YOUR MOM'S
WORRIED--SHE'S
WORRIED ABOUT
YOU.

AN!
THAT--WHATEVER
IT IS YOU'RE
WEARING..

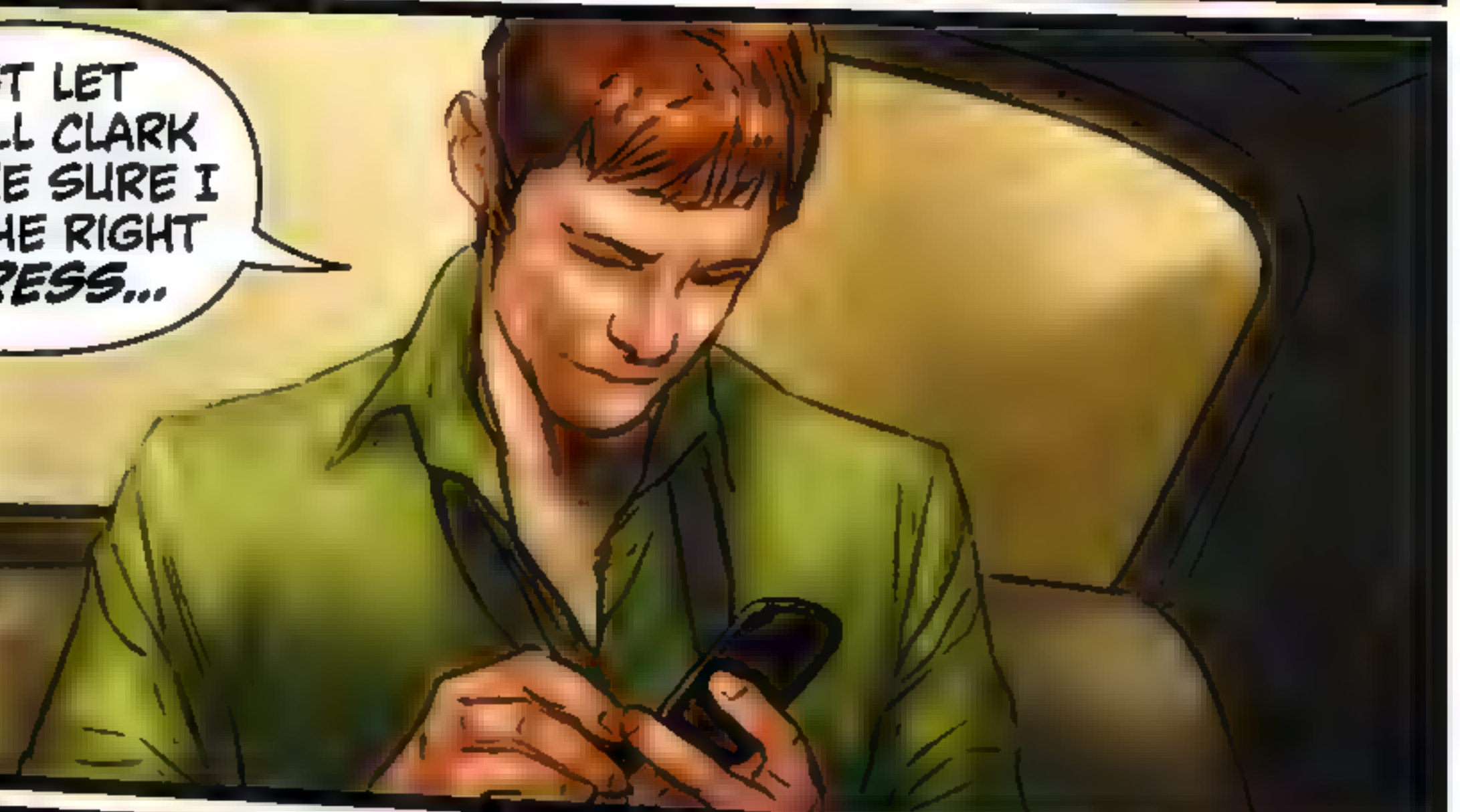
YOU HAND
THAT OVER..



WELCOME TO
METROPOLIS--

YESTERDAY'S
CITY OF
TOMORROW.

JIMMY, I DON'T
KNOW WHY I AGREED TO
THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND
NOW WE'RE IN THE BACK
STREETS OF HELL.



JUST LET
ME CALL CLARK
TO MAKE SURE I
GOT THE RIGHT
ADDRESS...



YOU'LL LIKE
CLARK--HE'S
COOL.

YOU LOVED
HIS BLOGS,
COME ON.

HE LIVES
HERE?

WHO LIVES
HERE?



CLARK'S
THE REAL
DEAL.

YOU'LL
SEE.

WHAT'S
GOING ON OVER
THERE?

JIMMY...

THERE'S
SOMETHING--

GET BACK
HERE!

NO!

KEEP
AWAY!

WE'RE
NEVER
COMING
BACK WITH
YOU!

THE
RAILS.

THEY'RE
MOVIN'.

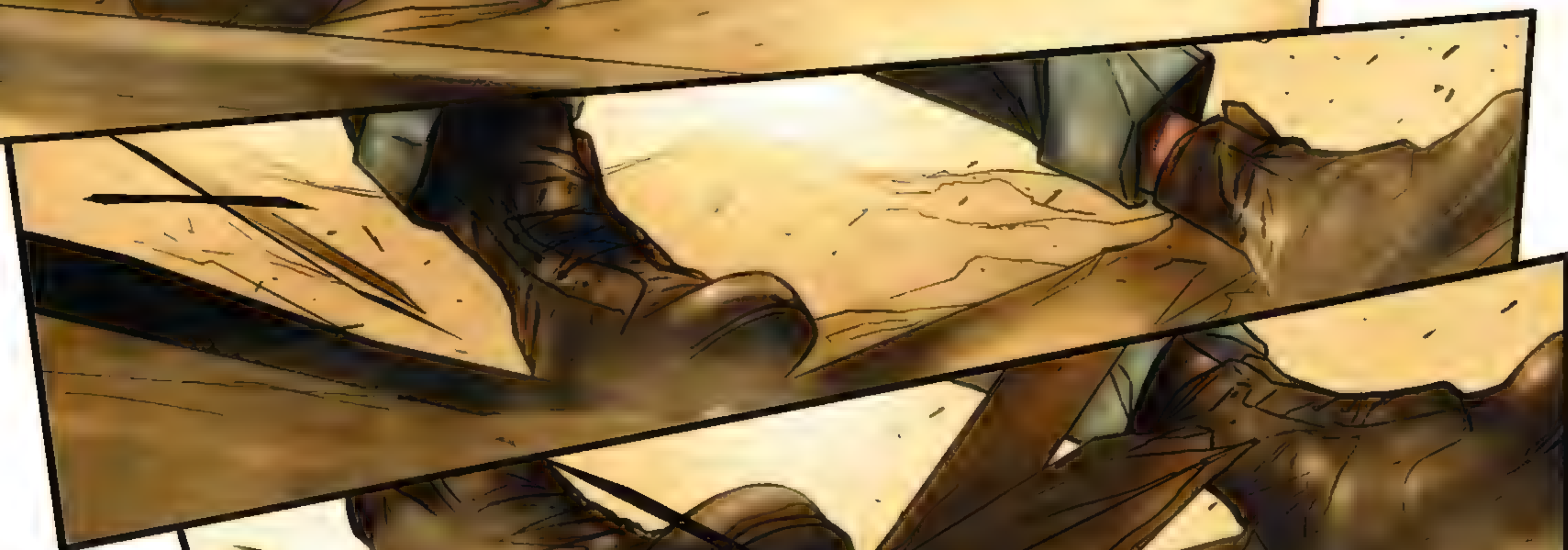
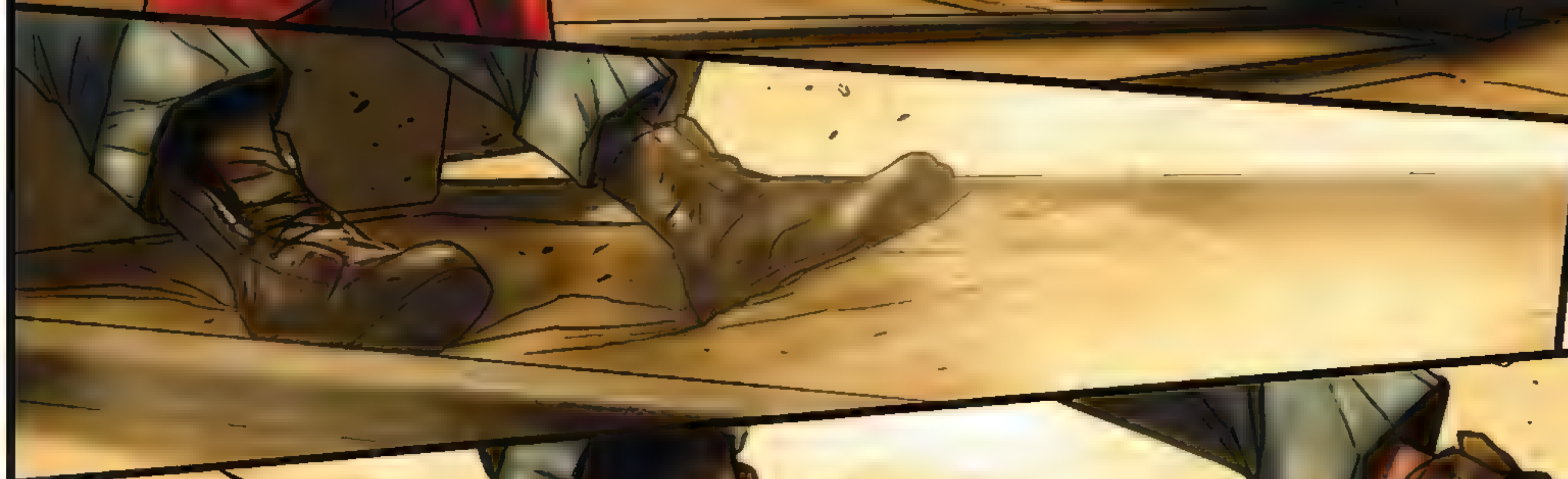
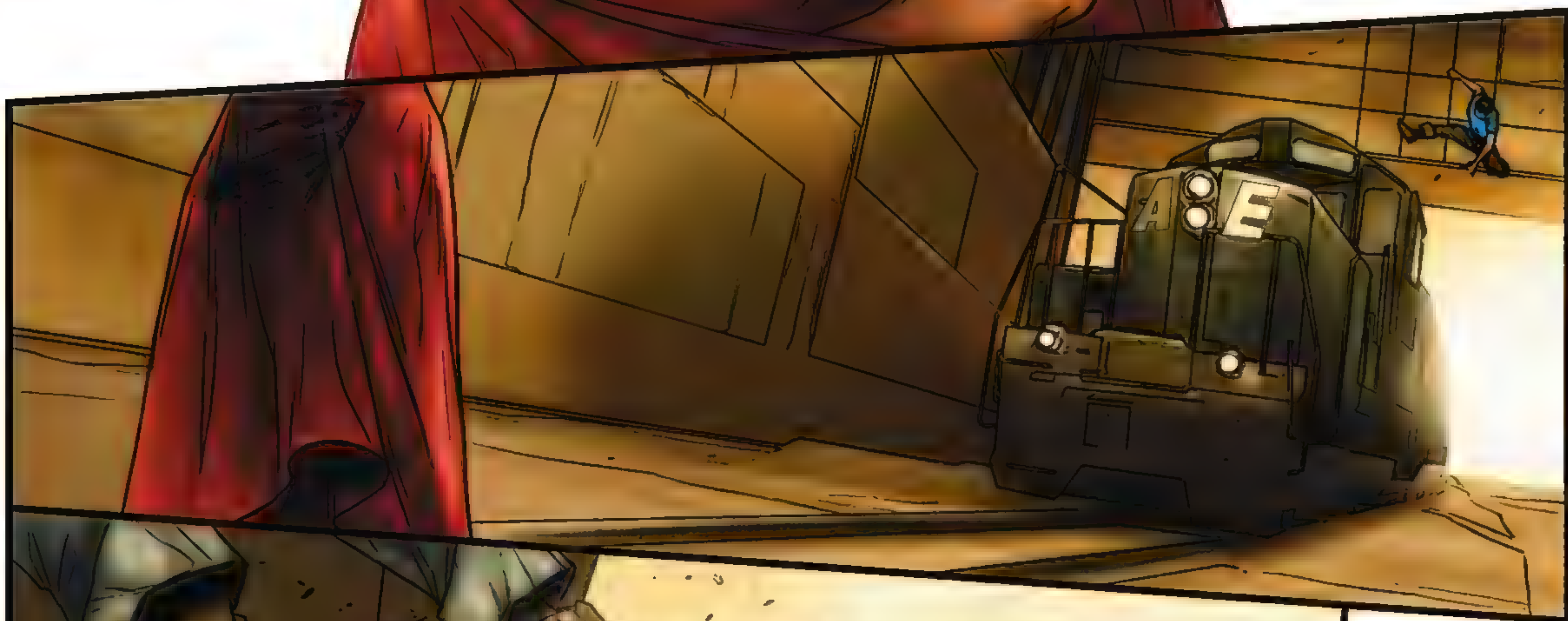
NO!

NO!

GOT
YA!

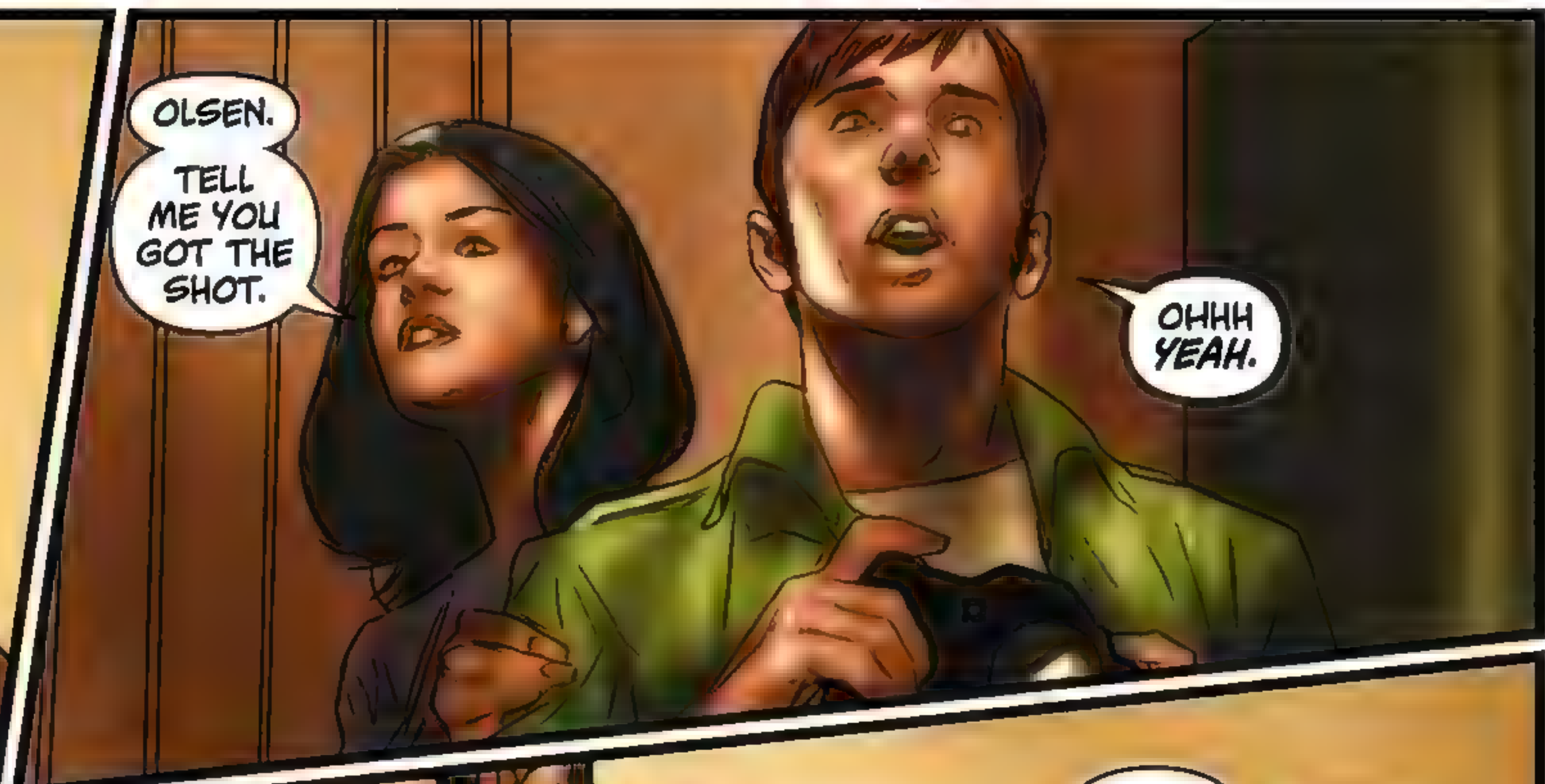
WATCH
THIS!
YOU
SEE WHAT
HAPPENS?

YOU'RE GONNA
WATCH THIS!





I ONLY
BORROWED
IT.



OLSEN.
TELL
ME YOU
GOT THE
SHOT.

OH
YEAH.



THIS
MEANS A
LOT TO
ME.

THANKS
FOR
LOOKING
AFTER
IT.

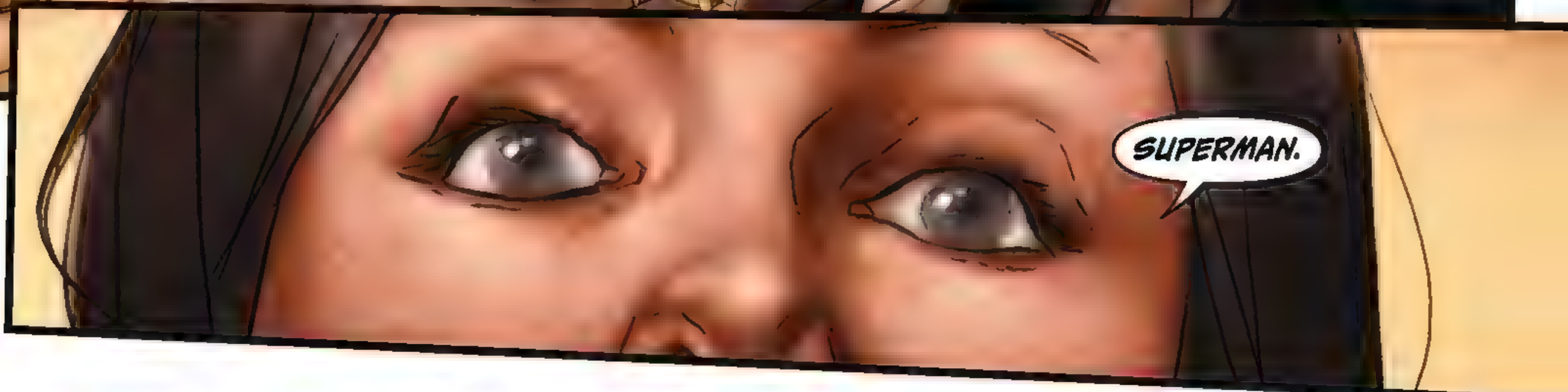
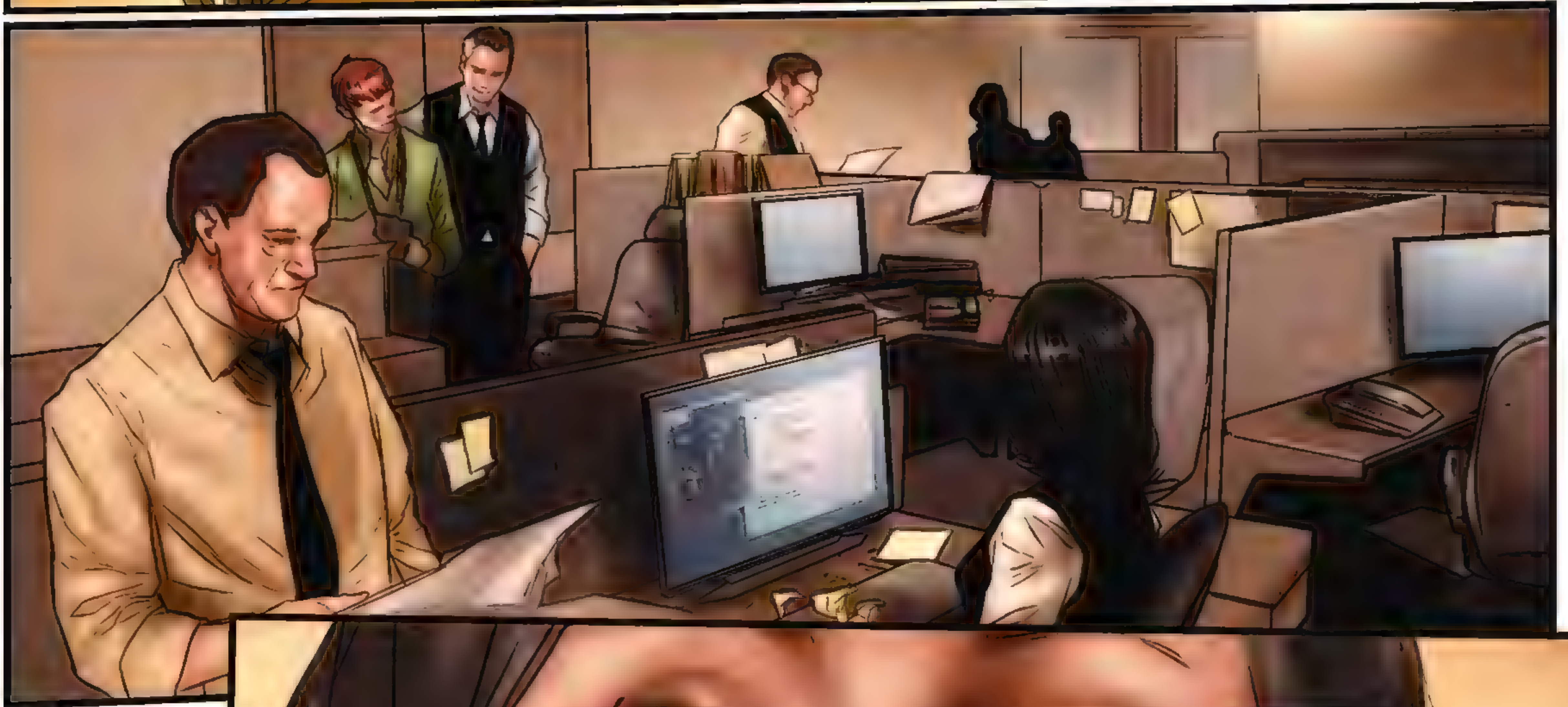
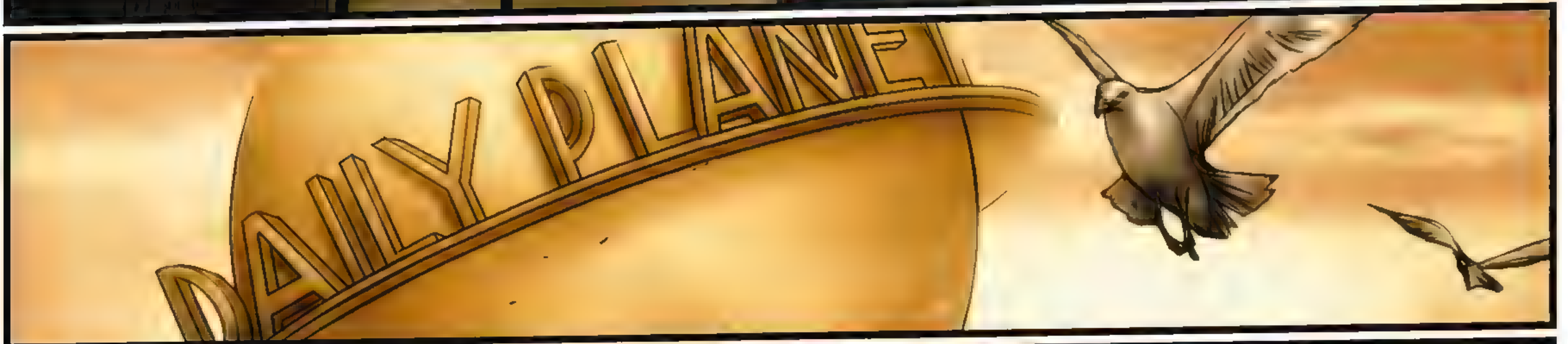
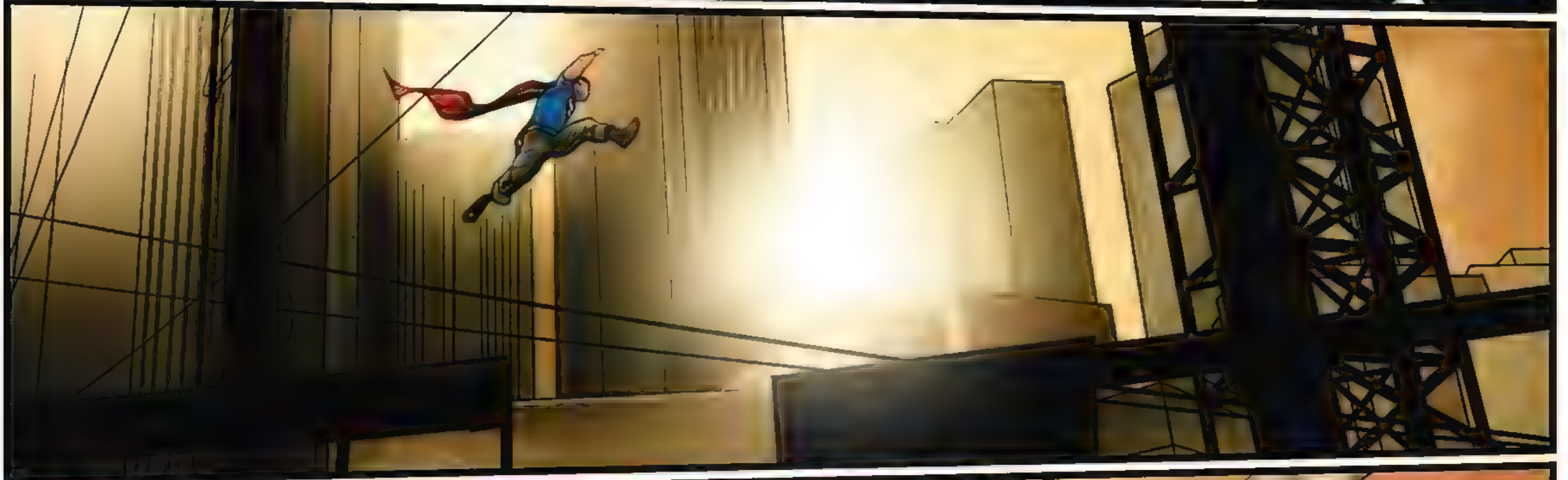


THAT
BULLY WON'T
BOTHR YOU
AGAIN...

I'LL MAKE
SURE OF
THAT.

CAN
I ASK YOU
SOMETHIN',
MISTER?

WHAT
DOES THE
"S" STAND
FOR?



***NEXT A SUPERMAN STORY FOR HALLOWEEN:
THE GHOST IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE***

YEARS AGO

ON THE INDUCTION OF
ACCELERATED HYPER-EVOLUTION
VIA AMBIENT RADIATION

Emery Zackro, Ph.D.

--JUST FASCINATING, PROFESSOR ZACKRO. IT'S THE MOST EXCITING PAPER I'VE EVER READ!

Jggkdfg ahgahag asufgwf ashag nfah fva sdfv adv dvav a gul tadvdkad vdvbd aadv bag adv lgyb avadv badvadv avydv adbyad vahv advlva dyba ravil fsd blasfu avb uyvbd vaduyv avay Asdvh asvadv anva sdv asdv ased uvav vayvasv ava svav ayva svav yasv av avasyvav navay asvasyv asv avasdv ahvasd hvadf huadh uadgh aduha gjs gjsb Hjasd fhwif jsdba fgnq aeygh qahg haegh adyh ha hsdhvu vbgag vhhnm gybabb iggbdh vbhjhdv huerf nvjh aervha hvba ervh qaevh nbdh vdsb gbu j edbyb hert vghfds vyyv vviv gvvy gvvyv vsdfvf svysa fvgry bashvg havas ygavav yqas dvy adgva hqsd vadyvb asd vga vghfds vyyv vviv gvvy gvvyv vsdfvf svysa fvgry bashvg havas ygavav yqas dvy adgva hqsd vadyvb asd vga vghfds vyyv vviv gvvy gvvyv vsdfvf svysa fvgry bashvg havas ygavav yqas dvy adgva hqsd vadyvb asd vga vghfds vyyv vviv gvvy gvvyv vsdfvf svysa fvgry bashvg havas ygavav yqas dvy adgva hqsd vadyvb asd vga

WHY WON'T YOU LET ME **CONTINUE** YOUR RESEARCH?

YOUNG MAN, THAT PAPER RUINED MY CAREER.

DESPITE MY DOCUMENTATION, THE SERIOUS SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY CALLED IT **SCIENCE FICTION**. NO ONE WOULD TAKE **ANY** OF MY WORK SERIOUSLY AFTER THAT.

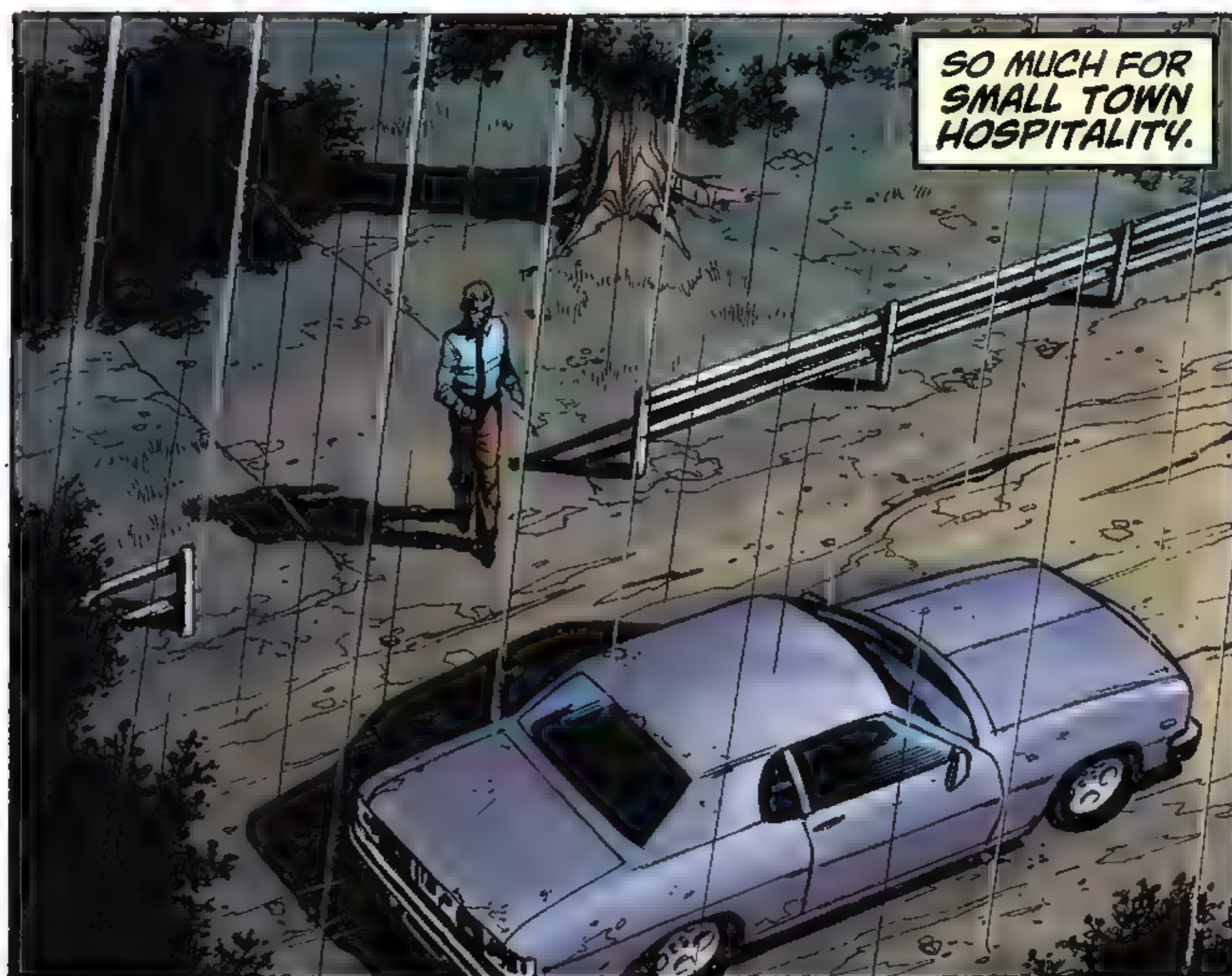
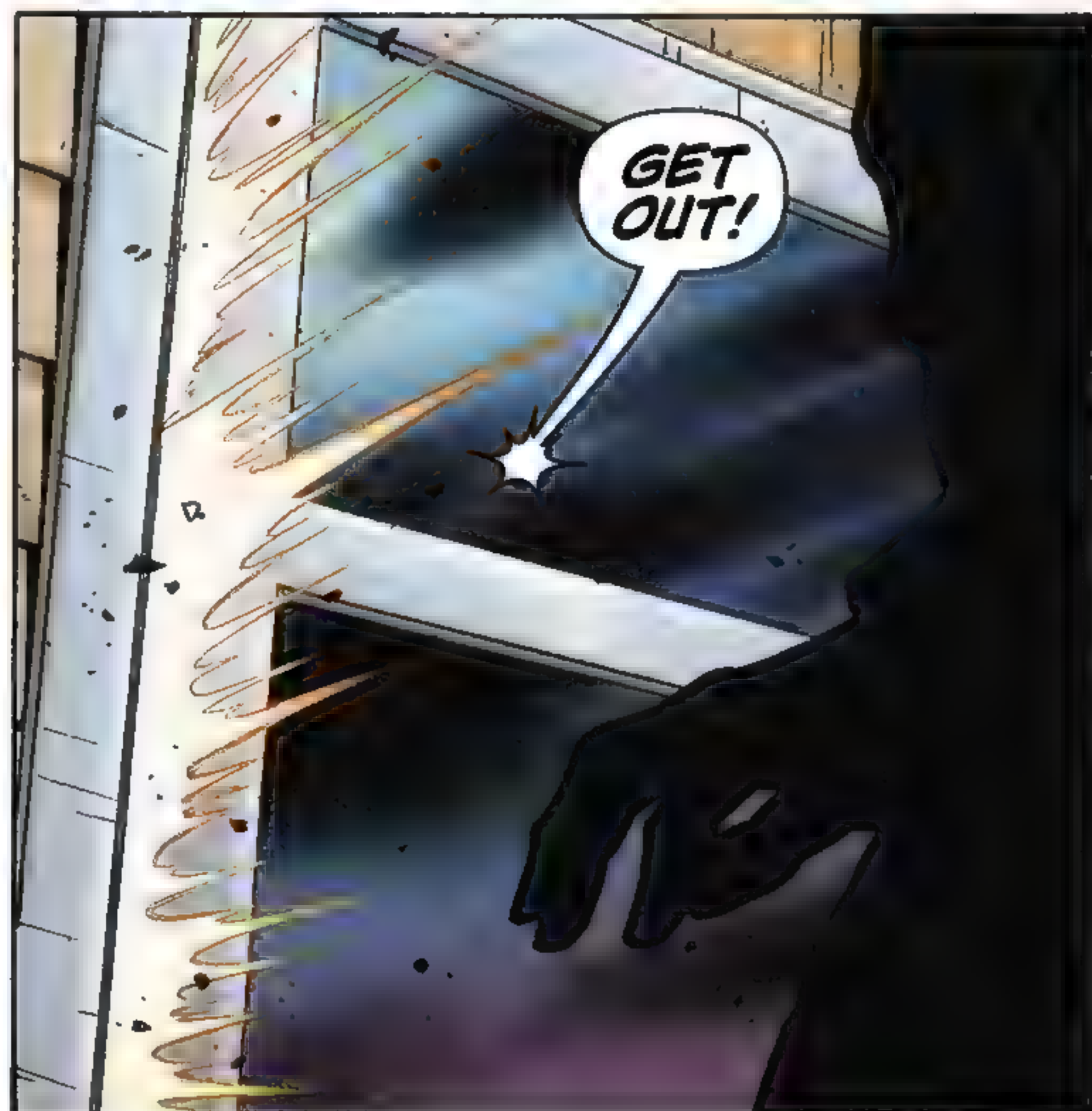
I **WON'T** LET THE SAME HAPPEN TO YOU, OR ANYONE ELSE.

BUT IF YOU'RE **RIGHT**, THIS COULD MEAN A **SEA CHANGE** FOR THE HUMAN RACE! THE START OF A NEW **GOLDEN AGE**!

IF YOU WON'T LET ME WORK **WITH** YOU, THEN AT LEAST HELP ME CONTINUE ON MY OWN. PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH THE **SUBJECT** OF YOUR CASE STUDY. IF HE CAN DO **HALF** OF WHAT YOU SAID--

ABSOLUTELY NOT! HE IS A **HUMAN BEING**, NOT A **LAB RAT**. HE'S ALREADY BEEN THROUGH **ENOUGH**.

HOW COULD THE PROFESSOR BE SO **BLIND**? DIDN'T HE UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF HIS **OWN RESEARCH**?



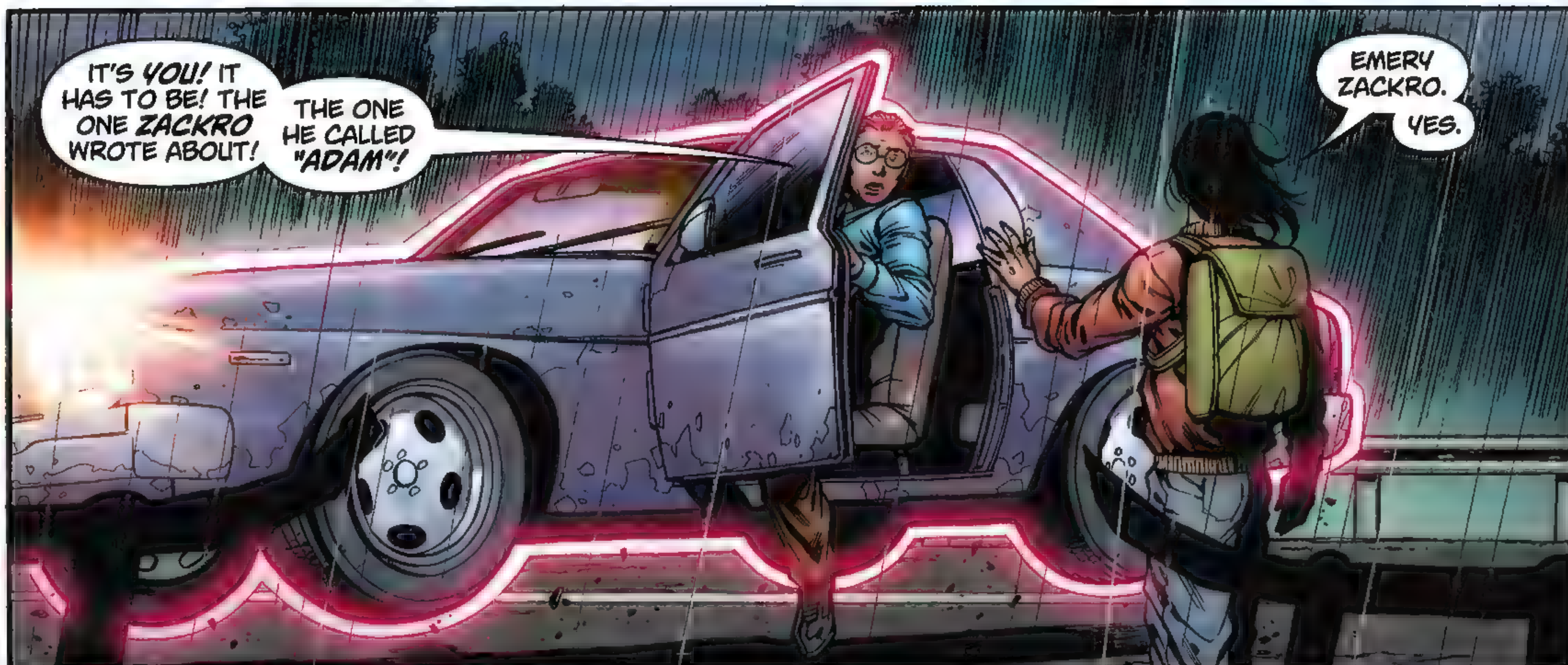


WHAT...
IT--IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!

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ORIGIN OF THE SPECIES

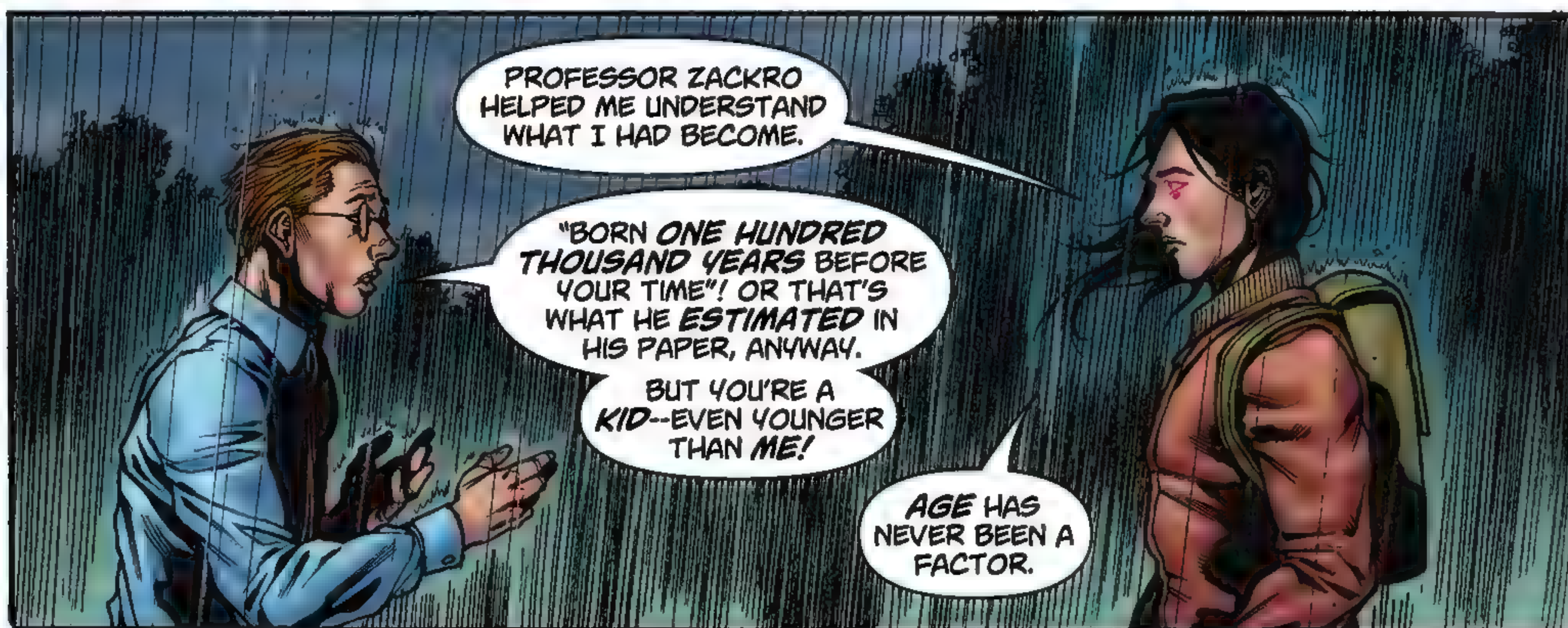
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IT'S YOU! IT HAS TO BE! THE ONE ZACKRO WROTE ABOUT!

THE ONE HE CALLED "ADAM"!

EMERY ZACKRO. YES.



PROFESSOR ZACKRO HELPED ME UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAD BECOME.

"BORN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE YOUR TIME"! OR THAT'S WHAT HE ESTIMATED IN HIS PAPER, ANYWAY.

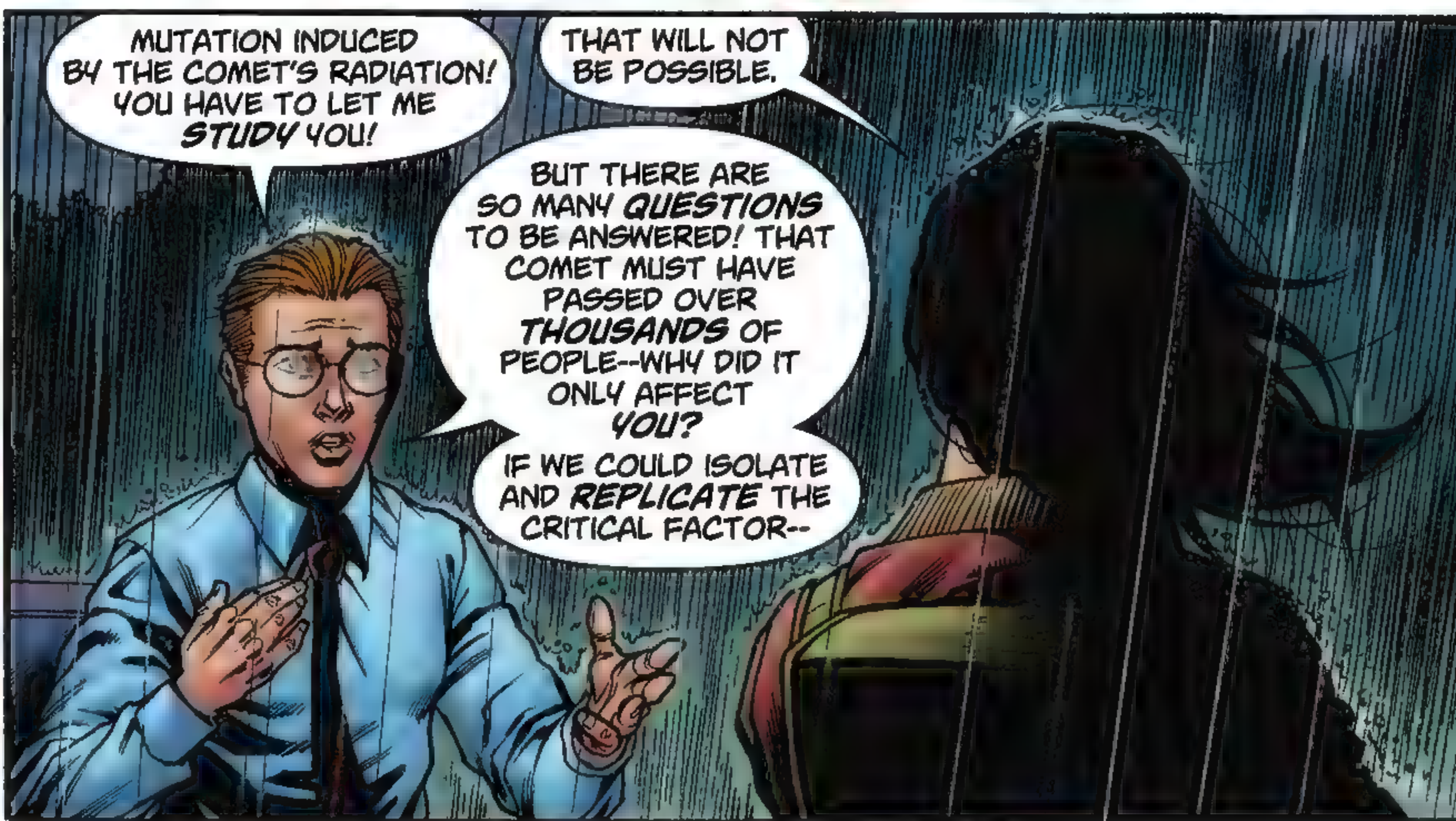
BUT YOU'RE A KID--EVEN YOUNGER THAN ME!

AGE HAS NEVER BEEN A FACTOR.



MY EARLIEST MEMORY IS MY OWN BIRTH--AND THE COMET THAT PASSED OVERHEAD AT THAT SAME MOMENT.

I COULD NOT HAVE SEEN THE COMET, BUT I KNEW IT WAS THERE.



MUTATION INDUCED BY THE COMET'S RADIATION! YOU HAVE TO LET ME STUDY YOU!

THAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.

BUT THERE ARE SO MANY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED! THAT COMET MUST HAVE PASSED OVER THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE--WHY DID IT ONLY AFFECT YOU?

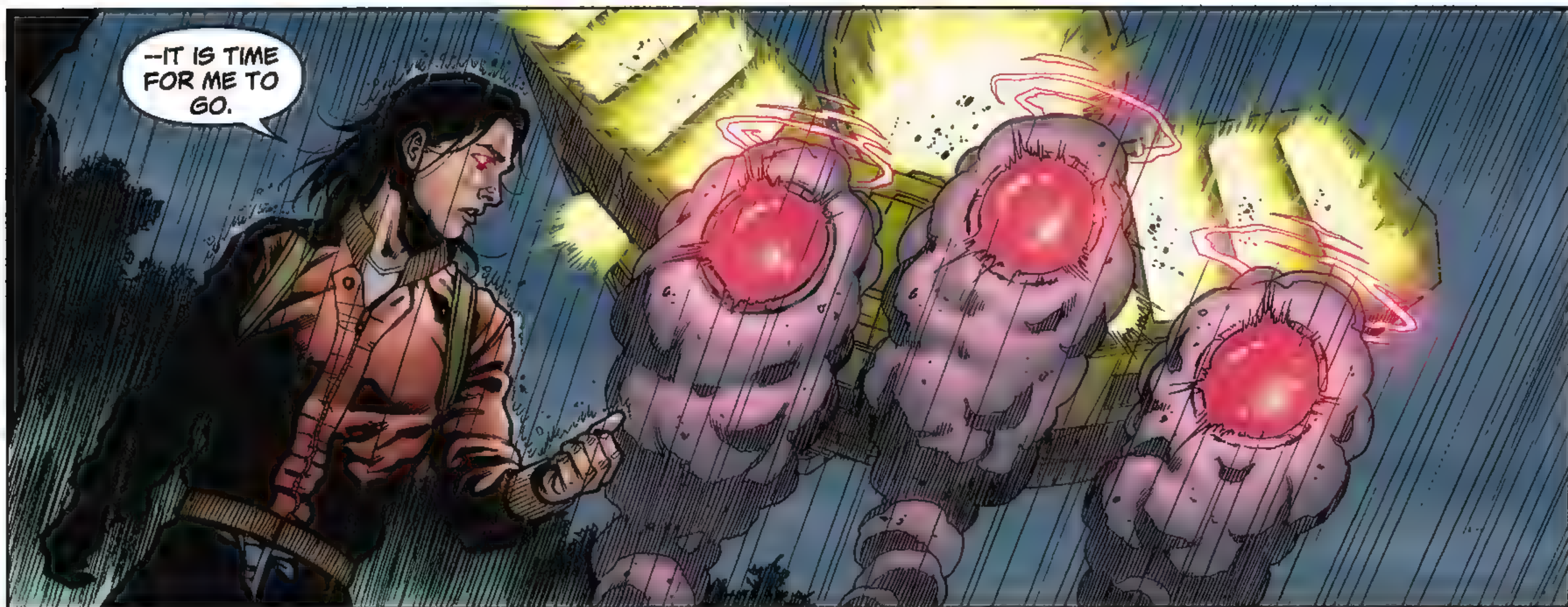
IF WE COULD ISOLATE AND REPLICATE THE CRITICAL FACTOR--



NEITHER NECESSARY NOR POSSIBLE.

BUT--

IT'S UNNECESSARY BECAUSE PROFESSOR ZACKRO HAS ALREADY COLLECTED ALL OF THE RELEVANT DATA. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE--



—IT IS TIME
FOR ME TO
GO.



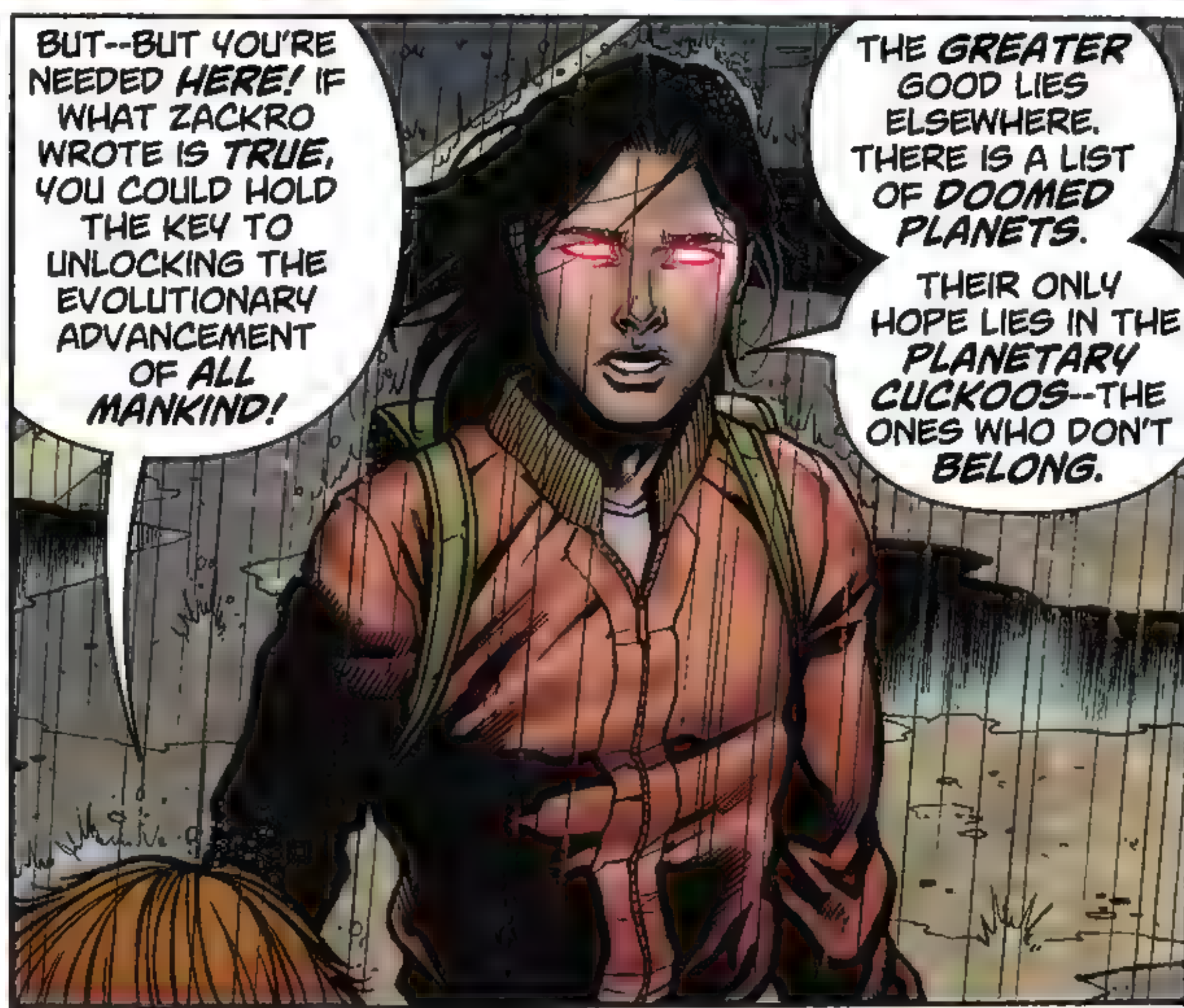
I WOULDN'T HAVE
THOUGHT I COULD
FORGET ABOUT A
SPACESHIP FULL OF
ALIENS. I WAS SO
CAUGHT UP IN ADAM'S
POTENTIAL THAT--

WAIT.



"GO"?
YOU
MEAN...
...GO?

I AM
NEEDED.



BUT--BUT YOU'RE
NEEDED **HERE!** IF
WHAT ZACKRO
WROTE IS **TRUE**,
YOU COULD HOLD
THE KEY TO
UNLOCKING THE
EVOLUTIONARY
ADVANCEMENT
OF **ALL**
MANKIND!

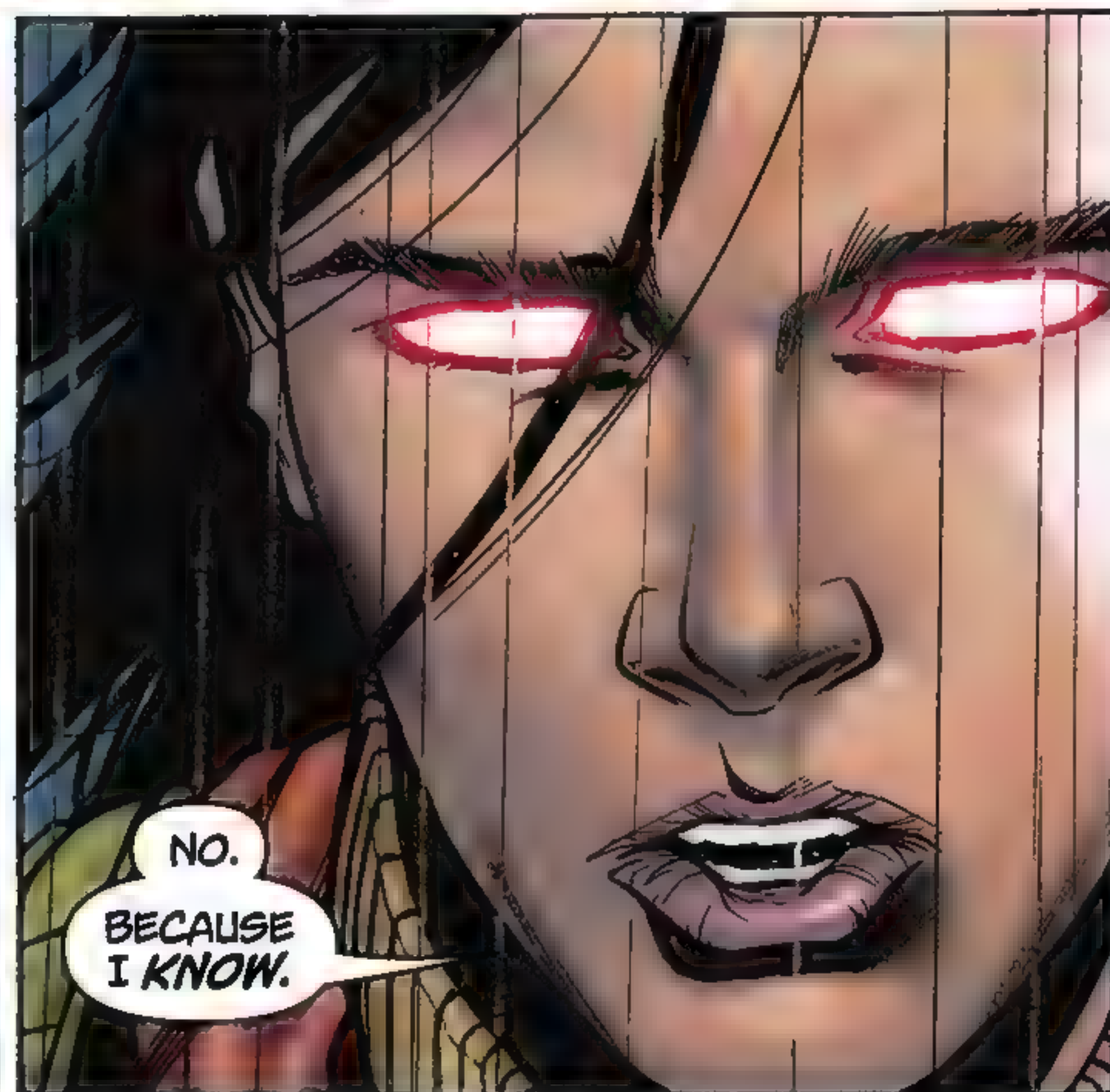
THE **GREATER**
GOOD LIES
ELSEWHERE.
THERE IS A LIST
OF **DOOMED**
PLANETS.

THEIR ONLY
HOPE LIES IN THE
PLANETARY
CUCKOOS--THE
ONES WHO DON'T
BELONG.

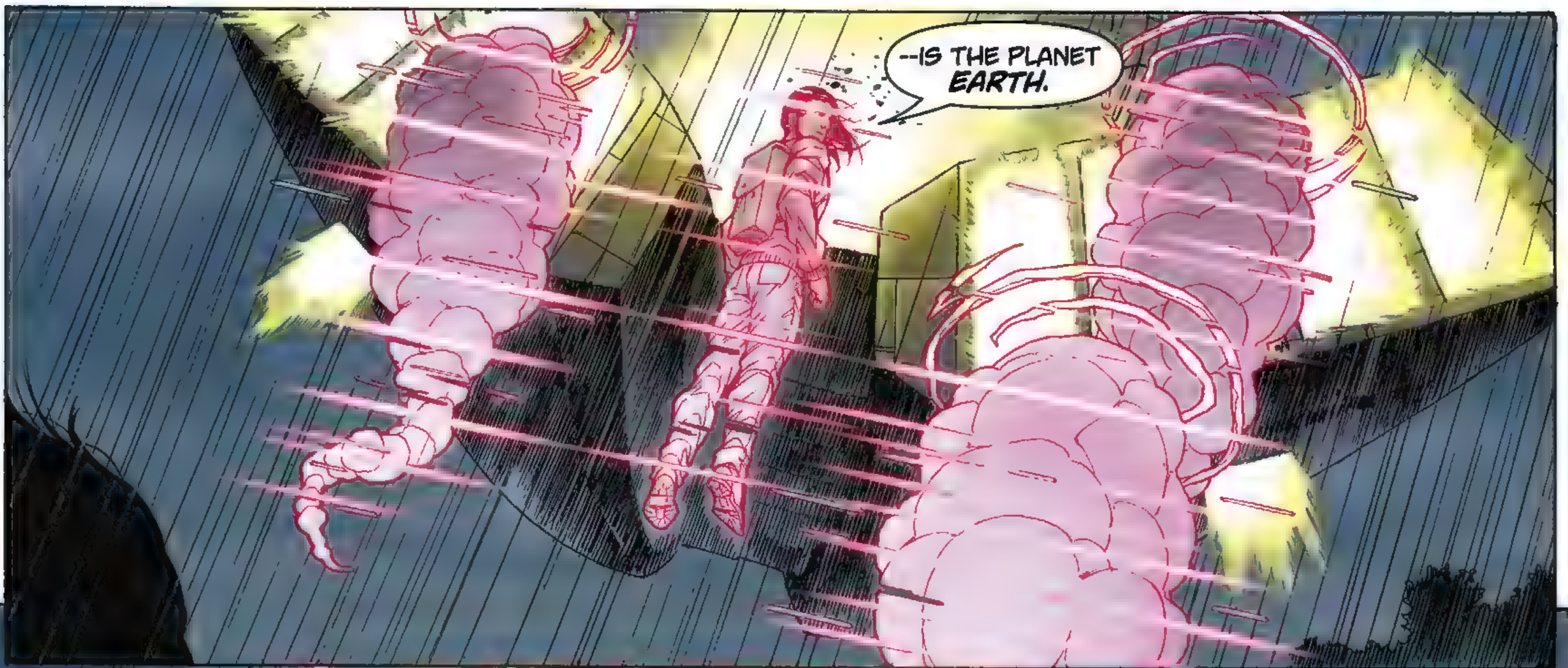
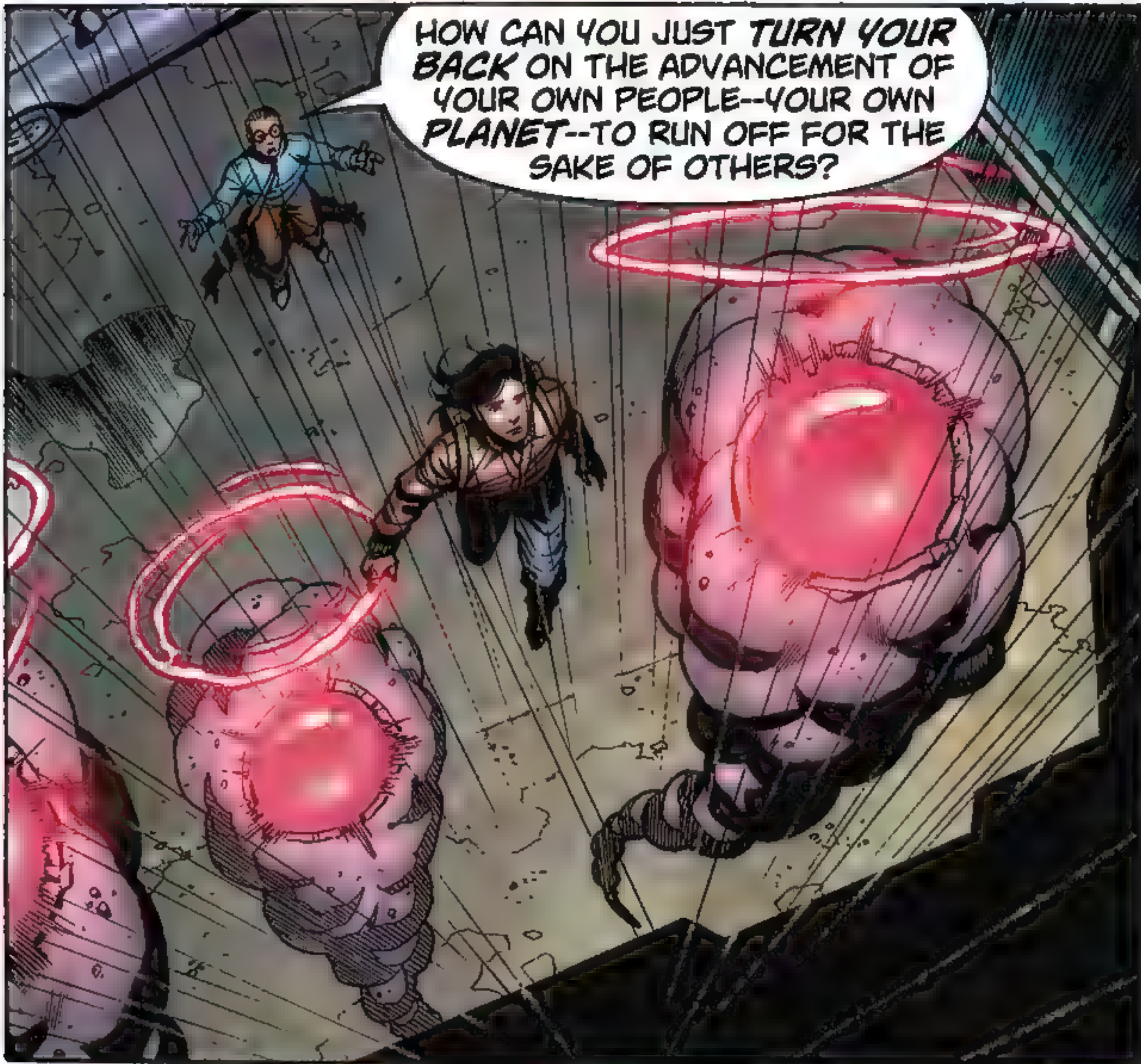
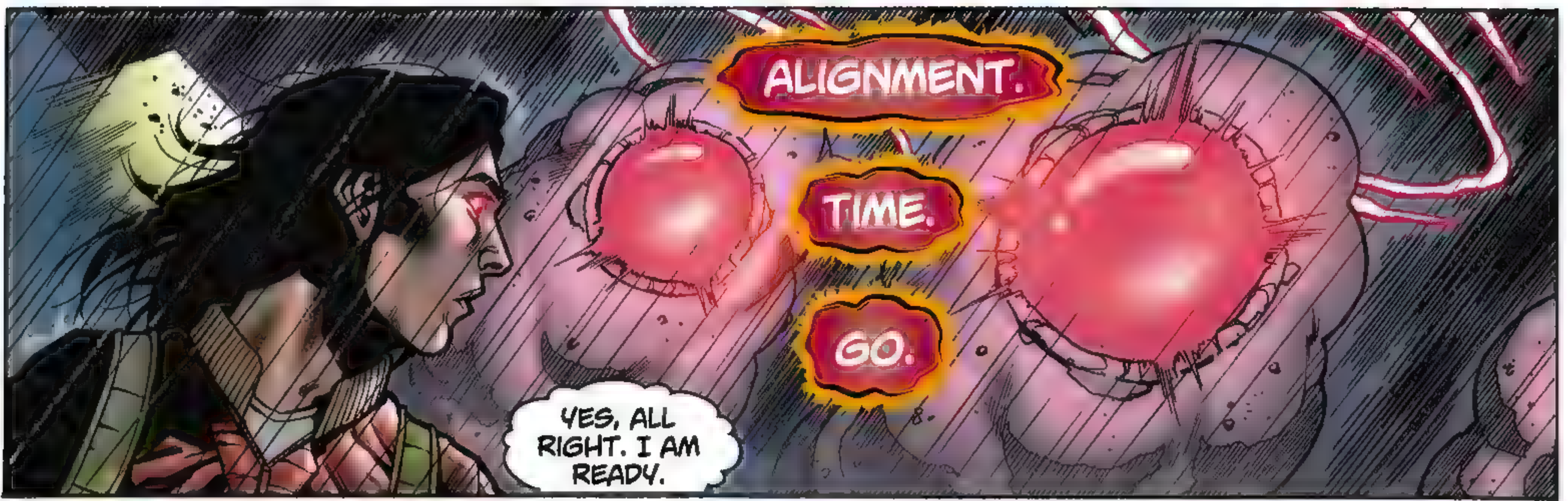


PLANETARY
WHAT?

WHO'S TO
SAY THIS
"LIST" IS
EVEN **REAL**?
BECAUSE
THEY TOLD
YOU?



NO.
BECAUSE
I **KNOW**.



FLYING MEN.
ALIENS. THE END
OF THE EARTH.

THAT SETTLES IT. I
HAVE TO GET MY HANDS
ON ZACKRO'S DATA--
WHETHER HE WANTS TO
SHARE IT OR NOT!

IT'S NOT JUST A
CASE OF BRINGING
MANKIND INTO A
GOLDEN AGE
ANYMORE.

IF ALL OF THAT TALK
ABOUT "DOOMED PLANETS"
WAS TRUE, THE STAKES JUST
ROSE--TO THE SURVIVAL OF
THE HUMAN RACE!

IF EARTH IS GOING TO BE
PREPARED FOR THIS THREAT,
I NEED TO FIND A WAY TO
REPLICATE THAT COMET'S
RADIATION--TO PUSH MANKIND
UP THE EVOLUTIONARY LADDER!

IT MAY TAKE
YEARS, BUT I
WILL SUCCEED--

--OR MY NAME ISN'T ERIK DREKKEN.

THE END



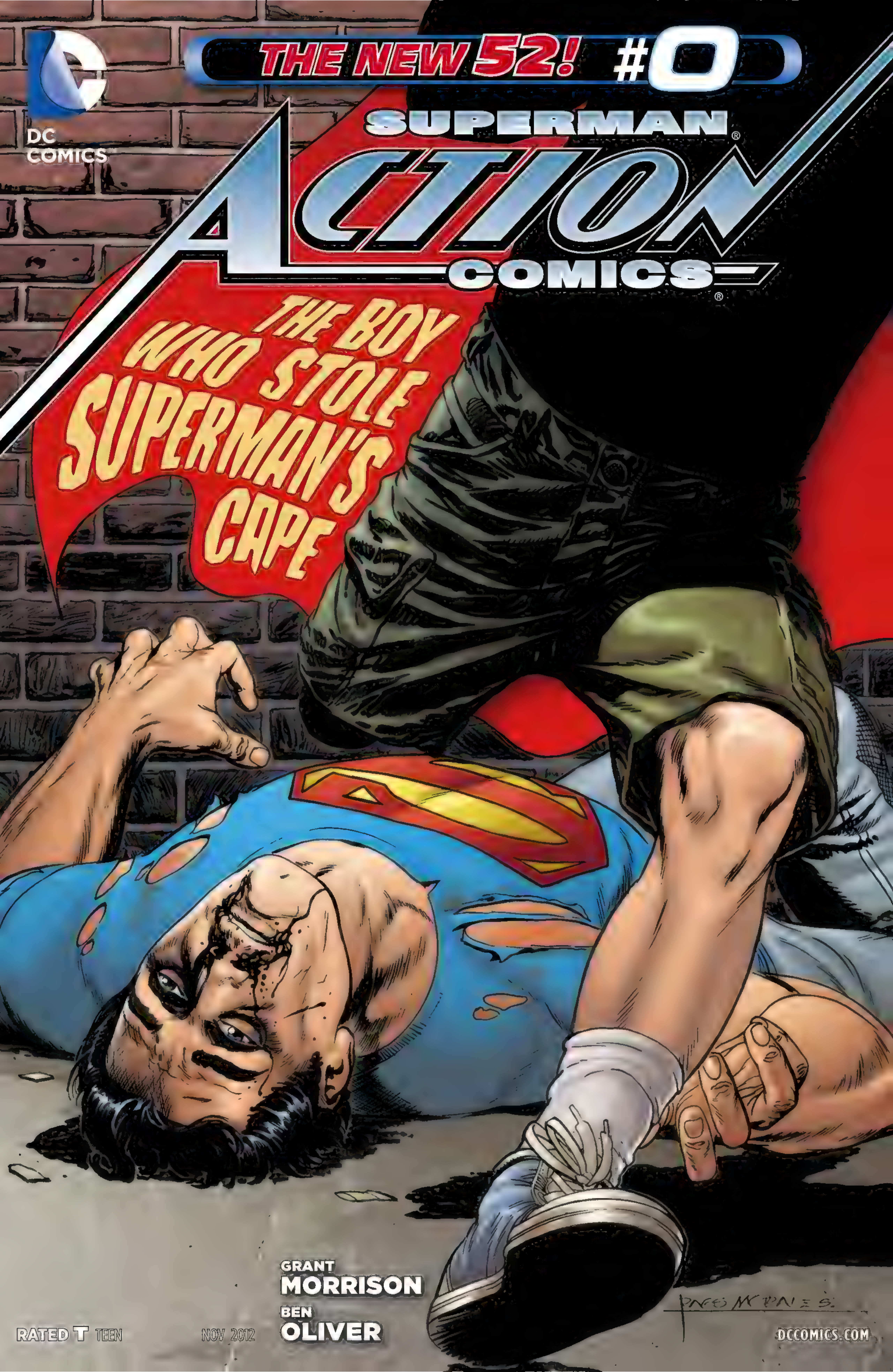
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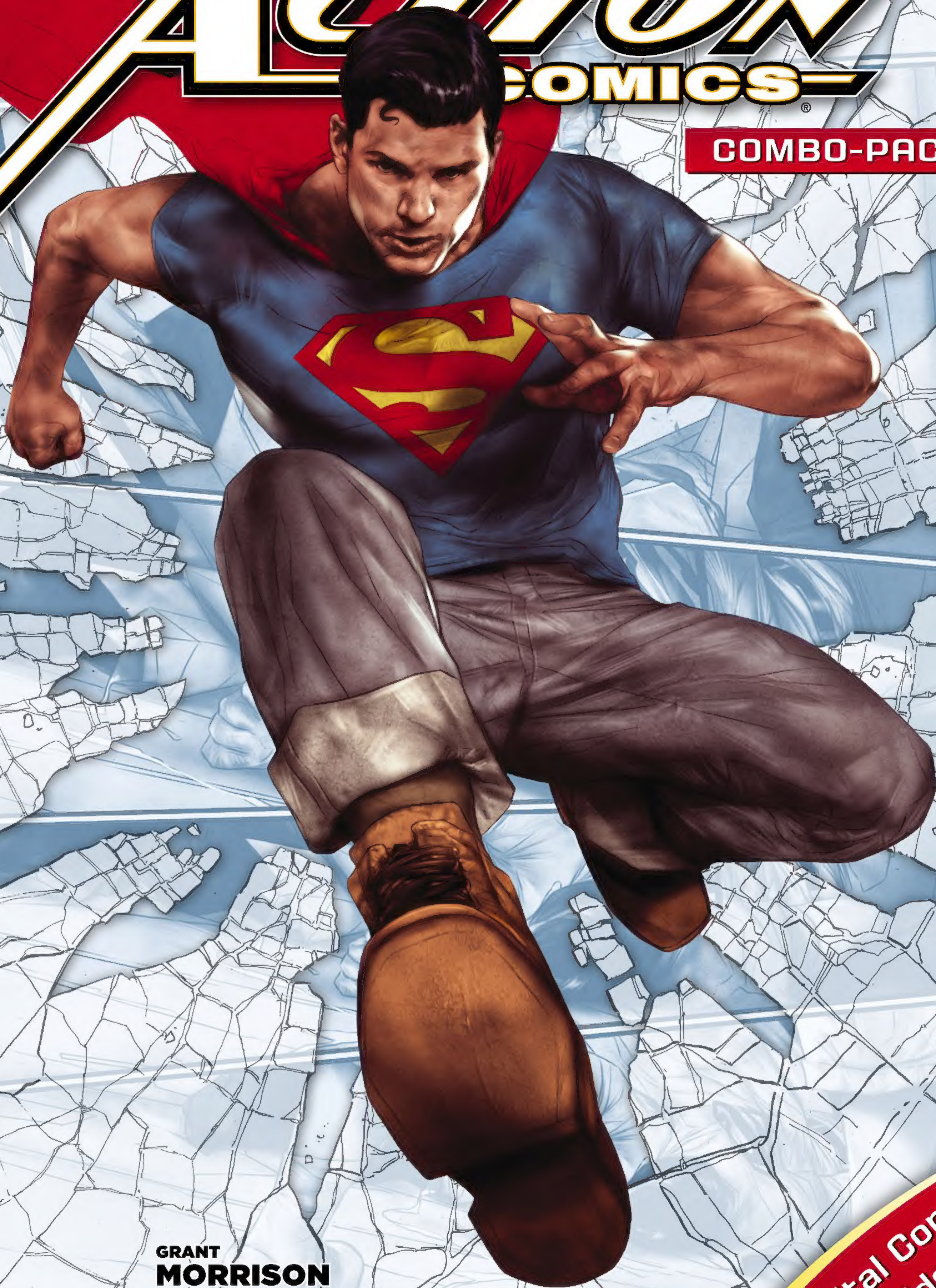
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WHO'S WHO IN THE NEW 52!

**THE MAN OF
TOMORROW...
TODAY!**



SUPERMAN

First Appearance:
Justice League #1 (2011)

Base of Operations:
Metropolis

Powers:
Under a yellow sun Superman is extraordinarily strong in addition to being nearly invulnerable. He can run and fly at incredible speeds and possesses other abilities such as super-hearing, heat vision, x-ray vision, and much more!

Other Appearances:
Batman: The Dark Knight #5-7, Swamp Thing #1, Supergirl #1-3, D.M.A.C. #7

History:

As the planet Krypton exploded and a civilization died, baby Kal-El was rocketed to safety by his parents. Arriving on the planet Earth and adopted into the care of Jonathan and Martha Kent, Kal-El would discover he had amazing powers and abilities because his alien physiology was exposed to the rays of Earth's yellow sun. Raised to live as a human with the utmost moral standards, Clark would strive to be the best he could be in every situation.

Approximately five years ago, Clark made his debut fighting injustice in the streets of Metropolis. At first he did so in secret as his powers continued to grow exponentially, but the threat of Brainiac, the alien collector of worlds, forced Superman into the public eye. Superman would be victorious and go on to inspire other heroes to step forward. He would also incur the wrath of many others who saw his existence on Earth as a threat, most notably the genius Lex Luthor.

Superman is the most powerful being on the planet. His affiliation with the Justice League and his never-ending acts of courage have, for better or worse, put him in the spotlight.

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GRANT MORRISON

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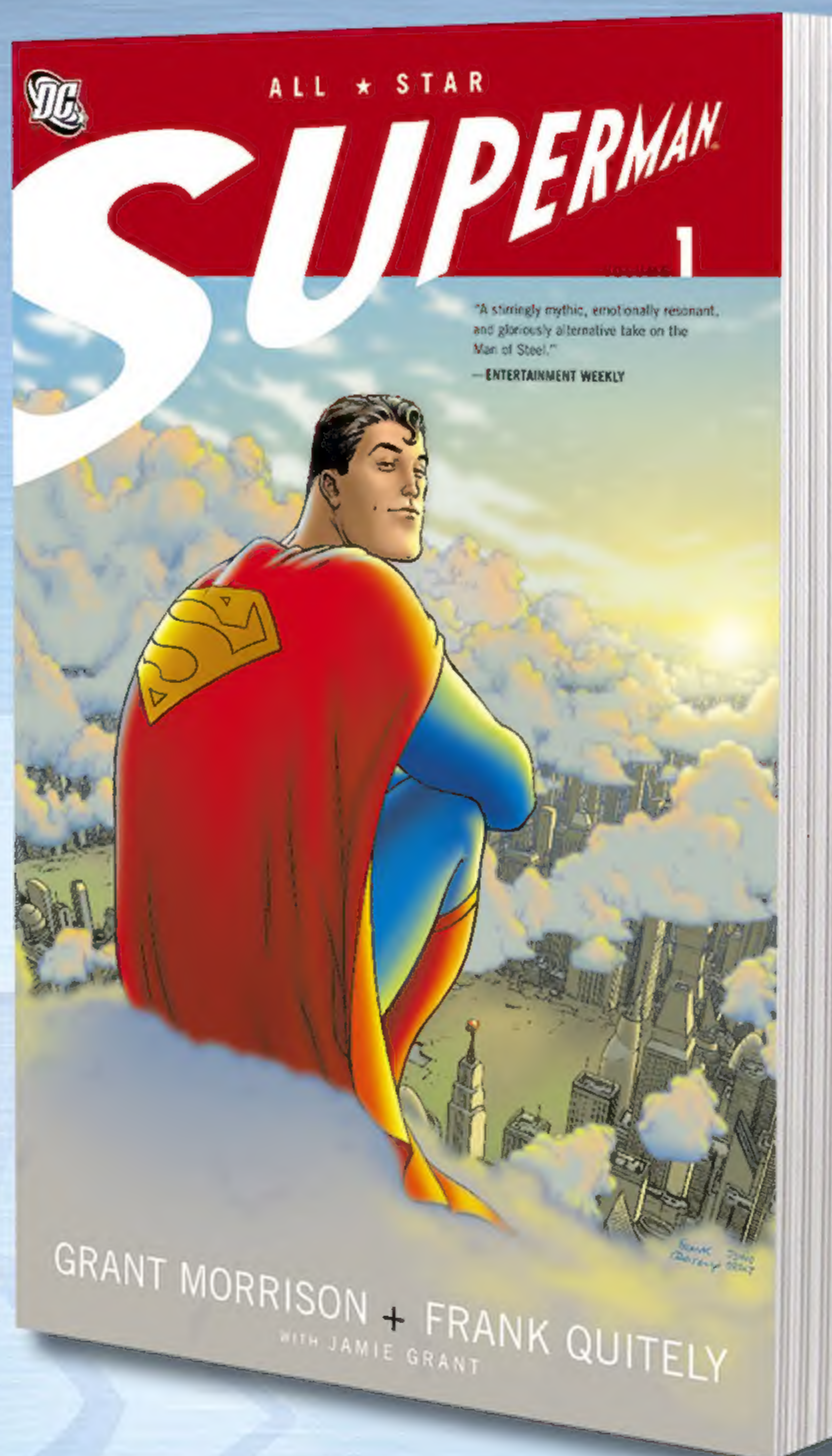
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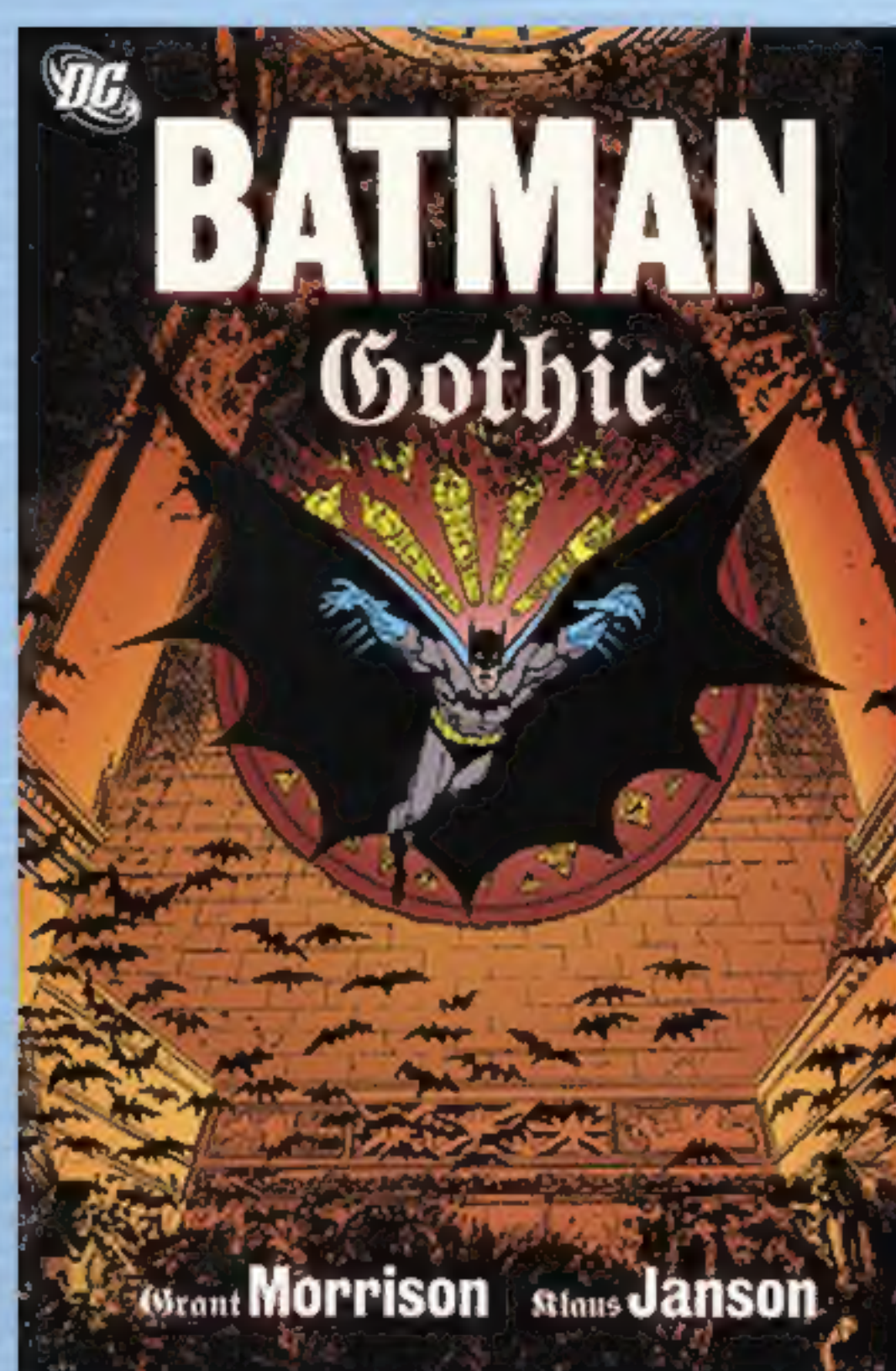
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